

Executive Order City of Pittsburgh Office of the Mayor	
Subject: Reinforcing Pittsburgh’s Commitment to the Global Partnership on Climate Change	Number: 2017-08
By Direction of:   William Peduto, Mayor	Date: June 2, 2017

WHEREAS, climate change is a worldwide problem recognized by government, business and academic leaders;

And WHEREAS, protecting our planet is of utmost importance to our children and grandchildren, who are at threat of living in a world with dangerous increases in temperature, coastal destruction and violent weather events;

And WHEREAS, 195 countries, including the United States, vowed to address climate change in agreements reached in Paris in December 2015 (the “Paris Agreement”);

And WHEREAS, the Mayor represented the City of Pittsburgh in Paris as part of a global coalition of mayors who recognize the catalyzing potential of urban areas to significantly curb emissions;

And WHEREAS, a more sustainable future will increase our economic competitiveness as a region, not detract from it;

And WHEREAS, the City of Pittsburgh paid a heavy price for our history of heavy industry, including remediating decades of pollution to our neighborhoods and hillsides and overcoming a collapse of our local economy;

And WHEREAS, the City of Pittsburgh has been a shining example of what the Paris Agreement could mean for governments seeking to revitalize their environment and promote and strengthen their economy;

And WHEREAS, the City of Pittsburgh has long been at the forefront of local government and individual citizen activism to protect our environment, from the nation’s first local Clean Air legislation passed by Mayor David Lawrence in 1949 to the worldwide environmental advocacy of Rachel Carson,

And WHEREAS, the City of Pittsburgh has been building upon our decades of commitment to climate change, continuing with our adoption of the Pittsburgh Climate Action Plan in 2008 which is now undergoing its third update (the “Climate Action Plan”),

And WHEREAS, the City of Pittsburgh actively participates in the 100 Resilient Cities program, attempting to make our residents ready for the environmental, social, and economic disruptions of the future;

And WHEREAS, the City of Pittsburgh has created and adopted a P4 framework which establishes the benefit for people, the shared responsibility for the place we call home, the stewardship of our common planet and the need to measure performance as way to advance improvement;

And WHEREAS, President Donald Trump's unfortunate action yesterday of seeking to withdraw these United States of America from the Paris Agreement, constitutes a serious dereliction of our moral duty to the planet, threatens the legacy of a sustainable environment for our children, weakens our nation's global and economic leadership at a crucial time in our history, and leaves it to mayors, in a global partnership of cities, to take immediate and permanent action;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William Peduto, Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, by the virtue of the authority vested in me by the City Charter and laws of the City of Pittsburgh do hereby direct the following actions.

1. The City of Pittsburgh hereby endorses and remains fully committed to the principles of the Paris Agreement.
  - a. As a member of the Mayor's National Climate Action Agenda (NNCAA), we join with 81 other cities and 39 million Americans in reaffirming our commitment to the goals enshrined in the Paris Agreement.
  - b. Working with the other members of NNCAA, the Chief Resiliency Officer of the City is empowered to undertake additional actions to meet the 1.5 degrees Celsius target.
2. The City of Pittsburgh hereby endorses and remains fully committed to our Climate Action Plan and our 2023 target of Greenhouse Gas reduction.
3. The City of Pittsburgh hereby endorses and remains fully committed to the Global Compact of Mayors, including the reduction of Greenhouse Gases 20% below 2003 levels in the City.
4. The City of Pittsburgh hereby endorses and remains fully committed to our 2030 objectives, as announced during the Paris summit:
  - Achieving 100 Percent Renewable Electricity Consumption for Municipal Operations
  - A City Wide Zero Waste Initiative to divert 100 Percent of Materials from Land Fill
  - Fifty percent energy consumption reduction city wide
  - Development of a Fossil Fuel Free Fleet
  - Divestment of the City's Pension Assets from Fossil Based Companies
  - Fifty percent water consumption citywide
  - Fifty percent transportation emissions reduction city wide
5. The City of Pittsburgh hereby endorses and remains fully committed to quantifying the impact of the City's work in reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions and building a more sustainable City.
  - a. Through the completion of the Pittsburgh Climate Action Plan 3.0, the Chief Resiliency Officer shall coordinate and document the impacts of GHG reduction and air quality improvement effects of the initiatives already happening across the City of Pittsburgh's departments and associated authorities, including but not limited to:
    - The advancement of Carbon Neutrality objectives within the City
    - Implementation of Building Energy Benchmarking and Transparency
    - Identification, Development and Procurement of Local Renewable Power
    - Adoption of industry leading energy efficiency standards for buildings
    - Electrification of transportation systems in conjunction with renewable energy sources

- Implementation of the Pittsburgh Green First – Green Infrastructure Plan
- Support for the weatherization and maintenance of Pittsburgh housing stock to help our elderly and vulnerable populations
- Collaboration with local utility partners to reduce product loss and enhance delivery of service for customers and build resilience in energy networks
- Protection and regeneration of our natural environment through land conservation, park preservation and urban agriculture
- Support for transit oriented development and location efficiency to encourage modal choices for all people
- Partnership with private and institutional building owners to reduce peak loads and manage energy resources efficiently
- Transition of the City of large-scale fleet operations to electric or other renewable power resources.
- Encouragement of adoption of electric vehicle technologies by citizens
- Reduction in the City's consumption of materials, development of opportunities to foster new economies through the reuse of materials and the recycling and repurposing of materials to new uses.

All City departments and authorities under the Mayor's jurisdiction shall work cooperatively to ensure the success of the missions outlined above. Independent agencies, City-affiliated entities, and City-related institutions are also strongly encouraged to work to help advance these efforts and adopt similar initiatives, where applicable. All actions and outcomes shall be in accordance with applicable local, state, and federal laws.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and remain in effect until amended or rescinded in writing by the Mayor.