

**BOROUGH OF RED BANK
COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

RESOLUTION NO. NP23-33

RESOLUTION TO REDUCE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM BOROUGH OPERATIONS

WHEREAS: significant changes to the earth's climate have already been observed, including:

- Increased global mean temperature
- Increased ocean heat content
- Reduction of ice masses
- Changes to jet stream and ocean current patterns
- Increased frequency of extreme rainfall
- Increased frequency of heat waves

WHEREAS: the changes above are continuing and increasing, particularly during El Nino conditions like those in 2023, threatening the health and wellbeing of people around the world from:

- Intense heat
- Wildfires
- Storm damage
- Flooding and mudslides
- Crop failure
- Sea level rise
- Coral reef degradation

WHEREAS: changes to the climate have been causally linked to increases in greenhouse gases, primarily carbon dioxide and methane.

WHEREAS: goals have been set at the national, state and borough levels to reduce greenhouse gas emissions:

- National goal: "Reducing U.S. greenhouse gas emissions 50-52% below 2005 levels in 2030". (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/climate/>)
- State goal: "It is the policy of the State to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 50 percent below 2006 levels by the year 2030." (Executive Order number 274)
- Borough goal: "the [Governing body and the Mayor ("Mayor") of Red Bank ("Borough") are interested in mandating 100% renewable electricity." (Ordinance 2020-19)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: Red Bank intends to reduce its own greenhouse gas emissions from Borough operations to meet or exceed the national and state level goals. Reductions will include:

- direct emissions from operation of vehicles and equipment
- emissions from borough-owned buildings
- indirect emissions from the borough use of electricity.

	MOVED	SECONDED	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	
Councilmember Bonatakis			x				
Councilmember Cassidy			x				
Councilmember Facey-Blackwood			x				
Councilmember Forest	x		x				
Councilmember Jannone		x	x				
Councilmember Triggiano			x				
Mayor Portman			x				
ON CONSENT AGENDA	Yes	x		No			

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Red Bank, In the County of Monmouth at a Meeting held on July 27, 2023.


Laura Reinertsen. Borough Clerk