

## RESOLUTION NO. 2018 – 23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MOSCOW, IDAHO, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS TO ENACT A REVENUE-NEUTRAL CARBON FEE AND DIVIDEND POLICY FOR THE UNITED STATES; PROVIDING THAT THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BE IN EFFECT UPON ITS PASSAGE, AND APPROVAL.

WHEREAS, the City of Moscow’s Comprehensive Plan states that “[t]he residents of Moscow value quality of life, stability and sustainability”; and

WHEREAS, City has taken numerous steps to function in a more sustainable manner and respond to climate change. Those steps include:

- The EcoDriver program to increase fuel efficiency in City’s fleet;
- Energy efficiency upgrades to City facilities and other infrastructure;
- A Water Conservation Program to reduce water consumption, including the innovative Wisescape program;
- Adoption of a Multi-modal Transportation Plan which commits to expanded non-motorized vehicle routes and facilities;
- Cooperation in the creation of a City-wide SMART public transportation system;
- A commitment to addressing climate change by adopting the 2013 Energy Efficiency and Green House Gas Reductions Goals Update (Resolution No. 2013-16);
- Establishment of annual Mayor’s Earth Day Awards; and
- Co-establishment and continued participation in Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee.

WHEREAS, the Moscow City Council recognizes that effects of climate change have impacted Moscow and northern Idaho and threaten natural resources, food security, public health, quality of life, and the economy; and

WHEREAS, if left unattended, the consequences of a changing climate, including drought, higher temperatures, altered precipitation patterns, increased forest fires, more plant and animal pests and disease, and increased air pollution, have the potential to increasingly impact all Moscow residents; and

WHEREAS, impacts of unmitigated climate change can harm key public goods and economic sectors of agriculture, forestry, fisheries, water resources, and human health, and impose additional cost on City budgets and saddle future generations with costly economic and environmental burdens across the State of Idaho and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the Moscow City Council recognizes that people and governments need to act to mitigate climate change and its effects; and

WHEREAS, the continued use of fossil fuels is supported by a market failure wherein the costs of carbon emissions are not included in the price of fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the urgent need to transition away from fossil fuels can be accomplished effectively with a market-based program in which a revenue-neutral carbon fee on fossil fuel production includes a full rebate or dividend to all U.S. households;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Moscow as follows:

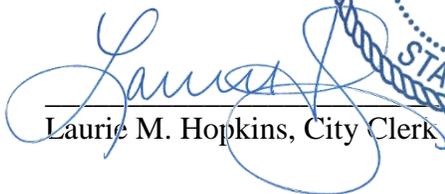
1. The City Council strongly urges the United States Congress to pass legislation, and the President of the United States to sign into law, a national, market-based fee on the carbon in fossil fuels that will ensure a policy that significantly reduces carbon emissions and returns the entire fee minus administrative costs to all households, in order to protect the economy and the climate today and for future generations.
2. Further, the City Council encourages that such legislation include clear processes and objectives and that the application of such legislation also minimize financial impacts to our most vulnerable citizens, including the economically disadvantaged.
3. The City Council encourages other communities to join them in this request for the United States to recognize and address the global problems of carbon emissions in this manner.
4. The City Council directs the City Clerk to forward a copy of this Resolution to the delegations representing Moscow in both houses of the United States Congress, the State Legislators representing Moscow, and the Idaho Governor within thirty (30) days after passage of this Resolution.
5. That this Resolution shall become effective as of the 17th day of December, 2018.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** by the Mayor of the City of Moscow, Idaho, this 17th day of December, 2018.



Bill Lambert, Mayor

ATTEST:



Laurie M. Hopkins, City Clerk

