

## **CITY OF OBERLIN, OHIO**

### **RESOLUTION No. R18-04 CMS**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF OBERLIN CALLING ON THE U.S. CONGRESS TO INTRODUCE AND THEN PASS A CARBON FEE AND DIVIDEND LEGISLATION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

WHEREAS, the costs of climate change—including destabilized weather patterns, rising sea levels, extreme weather events, and other serious impacts - now pose a substantial threat to the health, prosperity, and security of Americans; and

WHEREAS, the costs are real, they are growing, and they are already burdening businesses, taxpayers, municipal budgets, and families; and

WHEREAS, our economy, infrastructure, public safety, and health are directly at risk; and

WHEREAS, a Carbon Fee & Dividend policy will:

1. Send a clear price signal to entrepreneurs and existing businesses to invest in a clean-energy economy.
2. Protect lower and middle-income households, as two-thirds of families, especially low- and middle-income families, are expected to break even or receive more in dividends than they would pay in higher living expenses.
3. Create jobs and economic growth, as the dividend puts money back into local economies, and improves the health and productivity of citizens.
4. Discourage domestic businesses from relocating where they can emit more CO<sub>2</sub> and encourage other nations to adopt an equivalent price on carbon.

WHEREAS there is increasing bipartisan support in Congress for climate solutions, as evidenced by the bipartisan House Climate Solutions Caucus, which has grown to 74 members, including 37 Republicans and 37 Democrats, and

WHEREAS Carbon Fee and Dividend is a market-based, economically-viable solution to climate change, designed to attract bipartisan support in Congress

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio, a majority of all members elected thereto concurring:

**SECTION 1.** We members of Oberlin City Council urge the United States Congress to support Carbon Fee & Dividend as a key element in reducing the risks of climate change. Carbon Fee & Dividend will significantly reduce carbon emissions, create jobs, grow the economy, save lives, and protect households from higher energy prices.

**SECTION 2.** Carbon Fee & Dividend will place a steadily rising fee on fossil fuels at the source (at the well, mine, or port of entry), returning all of the revenue, minus administrative costs, to American households on a per-capita basis as a monthly dividend. To maintain the competitiveness of American businesses, a border adjustment will be made, assessing a fee or rebate on goods traded with countries without a comparable carbon price.

SECTION 3. That it is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That a copy of this Resolution shall be delivered to Congressman Jim Jordan, Senator Rob Portman, Senator Sherrod Brown, the Speaker of the US House Paul Ryan and the President of the US Senate Mike Pence.

SECTION 5. That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety of the citizens of the City of Oberlin, Ohio or to provide for the usual daily operation of a municipal department, to wit: because we are sending a delegation to Washington D.C. with a clean copy in hand and shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED: 1<sup>st</sup> Reading: April 2, 2018 (AMENDED)  
2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: April 16, 2018 (AMENDED)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Reading: May 7, 2018 (AMENDED) (E)

ATTEST:

  
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BELINDA B. ANDERSON, MMC  
CLERK OF COUNCIL

  
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BRYAN L. BURGESS  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

POSTED: 05/08/2018

EFFECTIVE DATE: 05/07/2018

I Belinda B. Anderson, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Clerk of Council, for said City of Oberlin of Lorain County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. R18-04 CMS, as adopted on May 7, 2018. I further certify that the meeting was duly called and held and that a quorum was present

Witness my hand and Official Seal at Oberlin, Ohio this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2018.

(Seal)

  
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Clerk of Oberlin City Council