



CITY OF WATERVILLE

CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION 100-2021

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR:

WATERVILLE MAINE ENCOURAGES THE U.S. CONGRESS TO INITIATE A REVENUE-NEUTRAL FEE ON CARBON FUELS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Waterville City Council, acting as the Municipal Officers, as follows:

THAT, Maine recognizes that the health of our citizens is dependent on the high quality of our air, water, and natural resources and that the health of much of the Maine's economy, including agriculture, forestry, fishing, and tourism are favored by a stable climate; and

THAT, the University of Maine's Climate Change Institute agrees with the consensus of climate scientists worldwide that climate is changing rapidly and that changes are associated with increased concentrations of pollutant emissions of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and other greenhouse gases, derived principally from the burning of the carbon fuels (coal, oil, and natural gas); and

THAT, Maine has pursued efforts through the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative to reduce the burning of carbon fuels for energy generation, and most recently by following the Maine Climate Council's recommendations across the State's economy, with the intent of meeting goals set in law to reduce emissions 45% below 1990 levels by 2030, and 80% by 2050; and

THAT, the State is responsible for only 0.3% of the nation's emissions, it is vitally important to enact national and international control; and

THAT, a nation-wide price on carbon fuels is widely accepted by economists as being the most effective means to achieve Maine's stated, emissions-reduction goals; and

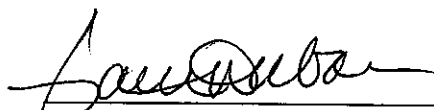
THAT, a revenue-neutral **Carbon Fee**, levied at the wellhead, coal mine or port of entry, coupled with a **Dividend System** where all revenues are returned equally to citizens and legal residents as a dividend would leverage market forces encouraging investments in energy efficiency and alternate, energy sources by both industry and consumers. This plan, known colloquially as "**Cashback Carbon Pricing**," will a) reduce US CO<sub>2</sub>-equivalent emissions to 10% of 1990 levels, b) be fair to all segments of our population, and c) encourage similar actions by other nations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Waterville City Council supports the enactment of a **National revenue-neutral Carbon Fee and Dividend system**. The record of the vote approving this article will be conveyed to the Town's State Legislators, to the Governor of Maine, to the Town's Congressional Delegation, and to the President of the United States, informing them of this Resolution approved by the City of Waterville within 30 days of this vote.

SUMMARY: Consistent with need to maintain Maine's quality of life, the University of Maine's Climate Institute's conclusion that climate change due to increased CO2 emissions from burning fossil fuels threatens Maine's quality of life, the State's participation in the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, and the need for National action, such as the **Carbon Fee and Dividend System**, in order to maintain Maine's quality of life, Waterville City Council supports enactment of **Carbon Fee and Dividend System** currently being considered by the United States Congress.

IN THE CITY COUNCIL

4/20, 2021 Read and Adopted.

  
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CITY CLERK

APPROVED:

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MAYOR