

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MN
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2021- 023
RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR MPCA CLEAN CARS RULEMAKING

WHEREAS, transportation is the largest emitter of greenhouse gases (GHGs), both nationally and in Minnesota, making the sector a significant contributor to climate change, which is already affecting Minnesotans.

WHEREAS, the Next Generation Energy Act of 2007 directed the state of Minnesota to reduce GHG emissions by 15% by 2015, 30% by 2025, and 80% by 2050 (from 2005 levels).

WHEREAS, Minnesota did not hit the 2015 target and is not on pace to meet future goals.

WHEREAS, Northfield's City Council adopted a Climate Action Plan (CAP) on November 5, 2019, with a goal of the community being 100% carbon-free by 2040.

WHEREAS, the Northfield CAP identifies "Switching energy sources from fossil fuel use to clean electricity in both buildings and travel" as one of the key strategies to achieving its 100% carbon-free by 2040 goal.

WHEREAS, tailpipe pollution from vehicles is one of the primary sources of exposure to harmful air pollutants in many communities around Minnesota.

WHEREAS, reducing emissions would have a positive impact on the communities that are disproportionately exposed to tailpipe pollution, particularly communities of color and lower-income communities in Minnesota.

WHEREAS, in 2019, Governor Walz announced that Minnesota would be joining 14 other states and the District of Columbia in adopting "clean car standards," which are regulations and incentives for the auto industry aimed at reducing pollution and giving customers more choices for low and zero emission vehicles.

WHEREAS, there are more makes and models of zero emission vehicles available in states that have adopted the clean car standard than can be acquired in Minnesota.

WHEREAS, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has been given the authority by the State through statute 116.70 subd 2(a) to act on reducing emissions in order to protect Minnesota air, water and health, and the MPCA has been directed to lead the rulemaking process for the clean car standard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT: the City of Northfield supports the MPCA Clean Car Rulemaking efforts.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 2nd day of March, 2021.

ATTEST

City Clerk

Mayor

VOTE: ___ POWNELL ___ GRABAU ___ NAKASIAN ___ NESS
 ___ PETERSON WHITE ___ REISTER ___ ZUCCOLOTTO