

**Village of Cottage Grove**  
**Ad Hoc Sustainability Committee Resolution 2020-11**  
**To Transition Current and Future Energy Demand to Renewable Energy Sources**

**Whereas**, the Cottage Grove Village Board created an Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee in March 2020 to address sustainability and renewable energy in the Village

**Whereas**, the Village Board ranked Sustainability and Climate Change as their 3rd highest priority in 2020, up from 7th in 2019

**Whereas**, energy coming from traditional sources (fossil fuels) pollute the air, water, and soil, which has a detrimental impact to the residents of Cottage Grove, including their health, well-being, and livelihoods

**Whereas**, utility costs currently comprising 3.2% of the Villages budget (~\$140,000), and the reduction in energy usage shall result in cost savings and the reinvigoration of allotted utility funding back into the community

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved**, by the Village Board of Cottage Grove, Dane County, Wisconsin, that the Village will affirm its commitment to transition the Village into a renewable energy community; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, the Village supports science-based data and asserts its commitment to the goals of the Paris Climate Accord; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the total electric usage of Village Operations will not exceed 100% of kWh consumption from the baseline year (2019), which was 1,200,000kWh; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, if at any point the Village exceeds that limit, they will purchase the excess energy from dedicated renewable energy programs such as the Second Nature program offered by Alliant Energy; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, the Village will reduce our net annual electrical consumption for Village operations to 50% by 2030 and 100% by 2040 through the investment in renewable energy installations on Village owned properties; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the Village will reduce its total electrical usage from Village operations through energy efficiency measures, such as the installment of LED lighting in all Village-owned buildings and Village-operated street lighting while also looking into further reducing its energy usage through smart technologies (motion sensors, smart thermostats, etc); and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the Village will promote energy usage reduction and renewable installation to the Community as a whole through educational materials, messaging, and partnerships with local programs; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the Village will prioritize the reduction of natural gas usage through the replacement of older natural gas burning appliances with modern electrical appliances; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, the Village will transition all Village-owned passenger cars, SUVs and pickup trucks to fully electric vehicles by 2030 and all heavy machinery by 2050; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, the Village will prioritize commercial and residential developments that incorporate energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives.

Adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September 2020.

**Village of Cottage Grove**

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John Williams, Village President

*Attest:*

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Lisa Kalata, Clerk