

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

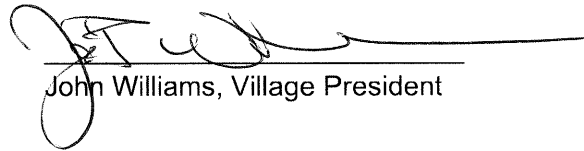
Be It Further Resolved, that the Village will prioritize the reduction of natural gas usage through the replacement of older natural gas burning appliances with modern electrical appliances; and

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 21st day of September 2020.

Village of Cottage Grove



John Williams, Village President

Attest:



Lisa Kalata, Clerk