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RESOLUTION FOR THE CITY OF CHESAPEAKE TO DEVELOP AN ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM KNOWN AS "GO GREEN CHESAPEAKE: THE SUSTAINABLE CHESAPEAKE INITIATIVE".

WHEREAS, a sustainable city with a high quality of life that meets the social and economic needs of its current and future citizens, employees, visitors, and business community, while maintaining and improving the quality of its natural environment is important to Chesapeake's citizens, economy, and future; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chesapeake is committed to protecting the health and welfare of its current and future citizens, employees, visitors, and business community and preserving the environment through the responsible management of resources and sound environmental practices; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chesapeake is focused on both environmental compliance through a comprehensive Environmental Management Program and environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chesapeake is committed to actively engaging the community to promote and encourage environmental sustainability efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chesapeake has adopted numerous policies in the Forward Chesapeake, 2026 Comprehensive Plan that support environmental sustainability through natural resource management, open space preservation, air quality, climate protection, and water quality; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chesapeake is committed to green building practices through the adoption of Administrative Regulation # 4.18, "Environmentally Conscious, Sustainable Building Practices" on 07/09/07 and membership in the United States Green Building Council (USGBC) which administers the Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design (LEED) certification program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chesapeake has created a committee of internal and community stakeholders in order to promote, implement, oversee, recommend, and track sustainable practices known as "Go Green Chesapeake: The Sustainable Chesapeake Initiative"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chesapeake is implementing energy and water conservation measures through an Energy Service Contract and other conservation initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chesapeake is a participant in the Virginia Municipal League (VML) Green Government Challenge, with a goal to become a "certified" Green Government; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chesapeake has been designated as a "Tree City USA" for the past 22 years and is creating an Urban Forest Management Plan for the City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chesapeake is actively reducing carbon emissions and improving air quality through the use of hybrid vehicles and other clean technologies as well as implementation of an Anti-Idling Policy for City employees; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chesapeake is a "Keep America Beautiful" affiliate; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chesapeake actively participates in national, state and regional environmental and sustainability initiatives and will continue to support these efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Chesapeake, Virginia, that through a process of monitoring and continuous improvement, the City will maintain a comprehensive Environmental Management Program and develop an Environmental Sustainability Program that will:

- Meet or exceed applicable state or federal regulatory requirements and provide for periodic compliance reviews of City-owned operations and properties;
- Maintain an Environmental Emergency Response Plan to effectively address potential incidents;
- Create a Sustainability Plan for the City of Chesapeake to be presented to City Council by August 30, 2009. The Plan will establish 1, 5, and 10

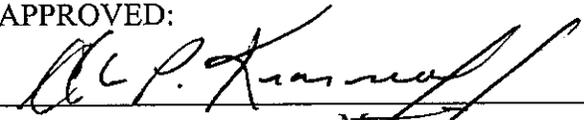
year sustainability targets as well as establish the following initiatives designed to reach the targets set out in the Plan:

- Establish a communication and environmental training program for City employees to increase awareness and improve environmental stewardship;
- Establish a similar communication and awareness program for the public;
- Create and implement a Comprehensive Energy Management Plan;
- Establish or enhance programs and practices that minimize the production of solid waste and hazardous waste and focus on conservation, recycling, pollution prevention, and litter control;
- Establish policies and practices that will conserve renewable and non-renewable natural resources;
- Implement an Environmentally Preferred Purchasing Policy;
- Inventory baseline carbon emissions in City operations and in the community, set reduction targets, and create an action plan;
- Participate in the City's annual budget process for the operating and capital budgets;

- Refine the City's green building policies and practices and explore tax and other public incentives to encourage sustainable building and the purchase of fuel efficient vehicles;
- Be incorporated into the City's Comprehensive Plan; and
- Create an annual plan update entitled "The State of Chesapeake's Environment" in order to document the implementation status of the Sustainability Plan and other environmental initiatives.

ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Chesapeake, Virginia, this 12 day of August, 2008.

APPROVED:



Mayor

ATTEST:



Clerk of the Council