

Resolution No. 05-2019

**A RESOLUTION BY THE PARK CITY COUNCIL TO ENDORSE THE ENERGY
INNOVATION AND CARBON DIVIDEND ACT**

WHEREAS, Climate Change is deeply affecting our community through changes in weather patterns including droughts, volatile snow events, and warmer temperatures; and

WHEREAS, the State of Utah is seeing record wildfires, droughts, intense storms, heat waves, inversions, and extreme weather events that are having negative impacts on its economy.

WHEREAS, Climate Scientists have issued dire warnings that systemic change must happen to avoid the most severe impacts of climate change.

WHEREAS, the primary cause of Climate Change and global warming is human activity, especially the combustion of fossil fuels that create greenhouse gases and alter the chemical composition of the Earth's atmosphere and oceans; and

WHEREAS, Park City has established North America's most ambitious Climate goals and demonstrated its commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by resolving that all new and major renovations of municipal facilities must meet a net-zero energy performance standard, determining that all new additions to the Public Transit fleet must be electric, reducing barriers for installing rooftop solar and ongoing regulatory, programmatic and policy support for clean energy and electric vehicle deployment and active transportation on a community-scale and regionally throughout Utah; and

WHEREAS, the urgent need to transition from fossil fuels can be accelerated through a market-based program, namely a revenue-neutral carbon fee on producers and corresponding rebate to consumers; and

WHEREAS, a market-driven mechanism such as a carbon fee and dividend would encourage and empower residents to reduce and replace their consumption of carbon-based energy with renewable and other innovative energy sources, whether through conservation, being more efficient or by choosing less carbon-intensive energy sources; and

WHEREAS, the transition to low-carbon, renewable energy resources will provide a range of additional co-benefits including enhanced public health, increased national and energy security, local green jobs, reduced reliance on finite resources; and

WHEREAS, transitioning to the new energy economy will provide significant economic benefit to the community and the State of Utah, and Utah could become the leader in renewable energy for the West.

WHEREAS, our community came out with strong support, asking that we address the issue of Climate Change, not just for our municipal government, but for our broader community impact; and

WHEREAS, Park City cannot solve Climate Change alone. We need other communities to join us in solving Climate Change as soon as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor of Park City and the Park City Council strongly urge the United States Congress to pass legislation that levies an annually increasing revenue-neutral fee on the carbon in fossil fuels at the point of production and importation, sufficient to:

1. Encourage individuals and corporations to produce and use less fossil fuels;
2. Make the transition from fossil fuels less onerous to consumers and to the economy by returning to American households on an equitable basis all of the revenues gained from the fee;
3. Reduce United States' CO₂-equivalent emissions by at least 40% in the first 12 years;

4. Encourage similar actions by other nations trading with the United States, by suitable carbon content-based fees for imports and rebates for exports to nations that have not taken such actions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 28th day of February, 2019.

PARK CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION



Attest:



Mayor Andy Beerman



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