

City of Sun Prairie, Wisconsin

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING ENERGY INNOVATION
& CARBON DIVIDEND ACT OF 2021 (EICDA)**

Presented: July 19, 2022

Adopted: July 19, 2022

Resolution No.: 22/130

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Energy Innovation & Carbon Dividend Act (EICDA) was introduced to the United State 117th Congress on April 1, 2021, as a bill which would impose a fee on the carbon content of fuels, including crude oil, natural gas, coal, or any other product derived from those fuels that will be used so as to emit greenhouse gases into the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, the fee rate begins at \$15 per metric ton of CO₂-e in 2021, increases by \$10 each year, which must be deposited into a Carbon Dividend Trust Fund and used for administrative expenses and dividend payments to U.S. citizens or lawful residents; and

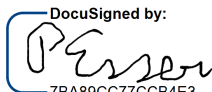
WHEREAS, the bill as drafted is one of many strategies to establish a mechanism in which to price carbon, or more broadly greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, which fits into the city’s “Net-Zero” sustainability efforts to reduce fossil fuel consumption and GHG emissions; and

WHEREAS, nearly half of the world’s 500 largest companies are now factoring carbon accounting into their business plans, with a median internal carbon price disclosed in 2020 being \$25/metric ton of CO₂e, and peer jurisdictions including Dane County, Madison, Middleton, and 155 other local governments have endorsed EICDA; and

WHEREAS, this endorsement is largely symbolic and would have no financial impact to the city but would communicate the value of such approaches and the need for pricing emissions in order to more effectively guide decision-making nationally.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Sun Prairie, Dane County, Wisconsin, hereby endorses the Energy Innovation & Carbon Dividend Act of 2021;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that city staff and the Sustainability Committee will continue to explore opportunities to price externalities and use existing market prices to inform analysis and decision-making.

APPROVED: 
Paul T. Esser, Mayor

Date Approved: July 19, 2022

Date Signed: July 22, 2022

This is to certify that the foregoing Resolution was approved by the Common Council of the City of Sun Prairie at a meeting held on the 19th day of July 2022, and was submitted for signatures on the 20th day of July 2022.

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Elena Hilby

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Elena Hilby, City Clerk