

RESOLUTION 18-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN, FLORIDA, INITIATING A TRANSITION TO 100 PERCENT RENEWABLE, ZERO EMISSION ENERGY SOURCES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 100 PERCENT RENEWABLE ENERGY INITIATIVE, READY FOR 100; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF

WHEREAS, the City of Dunedin is a coastal community on the front lines of the environmental, economic, and public health impacts of climate change, as seen in the form of sea level rise, storm surge, and rising temperatures; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunedin has identified in its Five Epic! Goals to promote Dunedin as the premier coastal community, protecting and improving our natural resources for the enjoyment of all; and to be the statewide model for environmental sustainability stewardship; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunedin seeks a healthy, sustainable future for its residents, businesses, and visitors with less pollution and more economic and employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, “Renewable, Zero Emission Energy” includes energy derived from wind, solar, geothermal, and wave technology sources. “Renewable, Zero Emission Energy” specifically excludes energy derived from fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, the transition to 100 percent renewable, zero emission energy sources, will improve air and water quality and protect public health, particularly for the most vulnerable across our community; and

WHEREAS, 100 percent renewable, zero emission energy sources and energy efficiency now offer greater economic security, lower electricity costs, and affordable energy solutions for the City of Dunedin residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunedin has already demonstrated its support for renewable, zero emission energy sources by signing the Mayors for 100% Clean Energy in July of 2017; and

WHEREAS, ninety-nine U.S. cities, including Gainesville, FL, Largo, FL, Sarasota, FL, and St. Petersburg, FL, have already adopted 100% clean energy goals, and six U.S. Cities, including Aspen, CO, Burlington, VT, Georgetown, TX, Greensburg, KS, Kodiak Island, AK, and Rock Port, MO have already hit their targets to generate 100% of the energy used community-wide from clean, non-polluting and renewable sources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dunedin seeks to collaborate with surrounding communities within the Tampa Bay area to share best practices on planning and implementation and seek partnerships on implementation pathways where beneficial for all parties; now, therefore:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN, FLORIDA, DULY ASSEMBLED THAT:

Section 1. The City of Dunedin hereby adopts an organizational target of powering municipal operations with 100 percent renewable, zero emission energy sources no later than 2035.

Section 2. The City of Dunedin hereby adopts a community-wide target of powering the City with 100 percent renewable, zero emission energy sources no later than 2050.

Section 3. The City of Dunedin, in pursuit of these targets, will seek to build inclusive community leadership, policy engagement, and provide regional leadership to address equity in climate and energy.

Section 4. The progress towards reaching the goals set forth in this Resolution will be evaluated every three years, beginning in 2022.

Section 5. That this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DUNEDIN, FLORIDA, THIS 6th day of December, 2018.

Julie Ward Bujalski
Mayor

ATTEST:

Denise M. Kirkpatrick
City Clerk