



CITY OF MILWAUKIE

"Dogwood City of the West"

Resolution No. 48-2016

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON
AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "SOLARIZE" PROGRAM AND
SETTING SOLAR ENERGY GOALS.**

WHEREAS, the Oregon Climate Change Research Institute identifies several environmental hazards expected to occur in Oregon as a result of climate change, including increased occurrences and intensity of extreme weather like floods and droughts, reduced winter snowpack, rising sea levels, rising air and water temperatures, and ocean acidification; and

WHEREAS, solar power is one of the cleanest sources of energy with which to power homes, businesses and cars to reduce the carbon footprint of Milwaukie and help mitigate the effects of climate change; and

WHEREAS, the cost of solar has dropped by more than 50% since 2011; and

WHEREAS the solar industry employs 3,000 people statewide and installed-capacity grew at a rate of 35 percent last year in Oregon while nationally it grew at a rate of 17 percent; and

WHEREAS there is currently 732.93 kW of solar capacity installed within Milwaukie; and

WHEREAS local governments can play an active role in making solar more accessible and affordable for residents by passing pro-solar policies and participating in educational and promotional activities; and

WHEREAS the U.S Department of Energy identifies four key benefits of municipal solar installations, including 1) clarifying the role solar energy will play in achieving the community's broader environmental, climate change, or sustainability goals, 2) creates momentum for a solar program with stakeholders working toward common goals, 3) guides the strategy for increasing solar installations in a community, and 4) enables leaders to track progress against a published target

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved that the City Council in recognition of the environmental and economic benefits of solar energy set a target of tripling installed solar capacity to 2.2 MW in Milwaukie by the year 2021. This goal equates to "solarizing" less than 8% of Milwaukie single family homes in 5 years if only a residential program is executed.

Be it Further Resolved that in order to assist the City in meeting this goal, City Council directs city staff to facilitate and run a "Solarize" program, aimed at streamlining the process and reducing the upfront cost of residential solar installations for Milwaukie residents. This program will be initiated within six months of the effective date of this resolution.

Introduced and adopted by the City Council on 4/19/16.

This resolution is effective on 4/19/16.



Mark Gamba, Mayor

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