Attachment A

RESOLUTION NO. 20-97

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LETTER TO THE INTERNATIONAL CITY/COUNTY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCING THE CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS COMMITMENT TO BECOMING A SOLSMART-DESIGNATED COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interest of the City of Council Bluffs to create a 10-year sustainability master plan to include the City's goals and objects to decrease energy water and fossil fuel use along with greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 while also increasing reuse and recycling of materials; and

WHEREAS, the City should enact policies to remove barriers and support the installation of sustainable clean energy; and

WHEREAS, the City should engage the community and surrounding areas to encourage clean energy practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED
BY THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE
CITY OF COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA

That the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute a letter directed to the International City/County Management Association and The Solar Foundation announcing the City of Council Bluffs commitment to becoming a SolSmart-designated community.

ADOPTED
AND
APPROVED April 20, 2020.

MATTHEW J. WALSH Mayor

Attest:

JODI QUAKENBUSH City Clerk

Council Communication

Department: City Clerk
Case/Project No.:
Submitted by: Legal Department

Resolution 20-97 (Continued from 4-6-20)
ITEM 5.A.

Council Action: 4/20/2020

Description

Resolution authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute a letter to the International City/County Management Association announcing the City of Council Bluffs commitment to becoming a SolSmart-designated community.

Background/Discussion

This resolution was prepared at the direction of Council Members Wolf and Head.

Recommendation

Approval of this Resolution.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
Solar Statement	Letter	3/30/2020
Resolution 20-97	Resolution	3/31/2020

SOLAR STATEMENT

April 6, 2020

Scott Annis
International City/County Management Association
777 North Capitol St. NE, Ste. 500
Washington, DC 20002

Theresa Perry
The Solar Foundation
1717 Pennsylvania AVE NW, Ste. 750
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Scott Annis and Theresa Perry:

On behalf of Council Bluffs, IA, I am proud to announce our commitment to become a SolSmart-designated community. In partnership with the SolSmart team, Council Bluffs' dedicated staff members will work to improve solar market conditions, making it faster, easier, and more affordable for our residents and businesses to install solar energy systems. These efforts will also increase the efficiency of local processes related to solar development, which may save our local government time and money.

Council Bluffs will leverage SolSmart to achieve the following goals:

- Create a 10-year sustainability master plan to include City goals and objects to decrease energy, water and fossil fuel use along with Greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 while also increasing reuse and recycling of materials.
- Enact policies to remove barriers and support the installation of sustainable, clean energy.
- Engage the community and surrounding areas to encourage clean energy practices.

These efforts demonstrate that our community is committed to driving continual improvement in our solar market, and in the process of doing so, all the related areas identified as community priorities in our relevant plans or initiatives.

In order to measure progress along the way, Council Bluffs will track key metrics related to solar energy deployment, such as installed solar capacity and the number of installations across sectors.

In these efforts, we call on our residents, businesses, non-profits, and others to get involved, and we invite everyone to stay tuned by visiting www.councilbluffs-ia.gov/solar

Inquiries related to Council Bluffs' SolSmart participation can be directed to communications contact at bgarrett@councilbluffs-ia.gov

Sincerely,

SOLAR STATEMENT

SOLSMART
NATIONALLY DISTINGUISHED. LOCALLY POWERED.

Printed name
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