

Resolution adopting the City of La Crosse's 2022 Climate Action Plan.

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse Common Council adopted its *Strategic Plan for Sustainability* via Resolution 2009-05-047 that envisioned effective, affordable, sustainable government operations that meet the needs of the present while minimizing our negative impact on future generations; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse Common Council passed resolution 19-0471 in July 2019 to achieve municipal and community carbon neutrality by 2050, and obtain 100% renewable energy by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the City of La Crosse Common Council passed resolution 21-0405 in May 2021 to fund an update to the 12-year-old *Strategic Plan for Sustainability*, and the Climate Action Plan Steering Committee (CAPSC) selected paleBLUEdot, LLC in August 2021 to conduct the public engagement process; and

WHEREAS, the public engagement process had a robust and varied community participation including multiple workshops with a team of fifty community members, stakeholder interviews, equity focus groups, two public meetings, community surveys, and a ninety-day review period of the draft Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Climate Action Plan lists several cross-cutting actions intended to build internal capacity, external support, and appropriate funding for plan implementation; and

WHEREAS, the cumulative economic net savings potential of implementing the Climate Action Plan through 2030 is estimated to be \$361,293,392.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse that it hereby adopts the 2022 Climate Action Plan and directs all applicable municipal departments to implement the plan's recommendations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor will work with staff to develop a year 1 implementation plan that specifies a work sequence and timeline for implementation tasks, estimates necessary funding and staffing resources, and outlines an accountability process, to be presented to the CAPSC for comment by the end of May 2023.

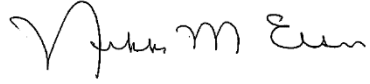
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the CAPSC will act as a primary community member body to support the implementation of the CAP, and progress updates will be reported to the CAPSC and Common Council on a semi-annual basis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a City "CAP Team" shall be established and comprised of staff representatives from all key municipal departments, and will include a representative each from the Common Council and CAPSC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Climate Action Plan implementation progress and impacts be reviewed on a regular basis (1- to 2-year cycle) and include development of an updated community-wide and municipal operations GHG inventory.

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*I, Nikki M. Elsen, certify that this resolution was duly and officially adopted by the Common Council of the City of La Crosse on January 12, 2023.*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nikki M. Elsen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Nikki" being the most prominent.

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*Nikki M. Elsen, WCMC, City Clerk  
City of La Crosse, Wisconsin*