

**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 05-0074R
(Resolution)**

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A COUNCIL RESOLUTION CONCERNING

Baltimore City Being Kyoto Compliant by 2012

FOR the purpose of requesting the creation of an emission reduction program that will help provide economic and quality of life benefits such as reduced energy bills, green space preservation, air quality improvements, reduced traffic congestion, improved transportation choices, and economic development and job creation through energy conservation and new energy technologies in order to help Baltimore City be Kyoto Compliant by 2012.

Recitals

In February 2005 the U.S. Conference of Mayors passed a resolution to endorse the U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement at its annual meeting in Chicago. This agreement holds signing cities to the same standards set in the Kyoto Protocol, in which participating nations have agreed to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions to 7 % below 1990 levels by 2012.

The Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the international community's most respected assemblage of scientists, has found that climate disruption is a reality and that human activities are largely responsible for increasing concentrations of global warming pollution. Climate disruption of this magnitude has been predicted by the scientific community to cause an extremely costly disruption to human and natural systems throughout the world.

In order to become Kyoto compliant, we must reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and accelerate the development of clean, economical energy resources and fuel efficient technologies, such as conservation, methane recovery for energy generation, waste to energy, wind and solar energy, fuel cells, and more efficient motor vehicles and biofuels.

In working with the U.S. Conference of Mayors, as well as other environmental agencies, the City of Baltimore can work on reducing emissions, track the progress and implementation of policies, and hopefully become Kyoto compliant by the year 2012.

EXPLANATION: Underlining indicates matter added by amendment.
~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken by amendment.

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1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That this
2 Body requests the adoption of an emission reduction program that will help provide economic
3 and quality of life benefits such as reduced energy bills, green space preservation, air quality
4 improvements, reduced traffic congestion, improved transportation choices, and economic
5 development and job creation through energy conservation and new energy technologies in order
6 to help Baltimore City be Kyoto Compliant by 2012.

7 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Mayor, the
8 Department of Public Work, the Bureau of Purchases, the Department of Transportation and the
9 Mayor's Legislative Liaison to the Council.