

CITY OF BALTIMORE
RESOLUTION _____
Council Bill 07-0834

Introduced by: The Council President
At the request of: The Administration (Department of Planning)
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A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CONCERNING

**Baltimore City's Membership in the International Council for Local
Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI)'s Cities for Climate Protection Campaign**

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3 FOR the purpose of expressing approval for the City of Baltimore to join ICLEI as a full member,
4 to participate in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, and, as a participant, to pledge
5 to take a leadership role in promoting public awareness about the causes and impacts of
6 climate change; and providing for a special effective date.

7 **WHEREAS**, Scientific consensus has developed that carbon dioxide (CO²) and other
8 greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere have a profound effect on the Earth's climate; and

9 **WHEREAS**, In 2006, the U.S. National Climatic Data Center confirmed clear evidence of
10 human influences on climate, due to changes in greenhouse gases; and

11 **WHEREAS**, The U.S. Conference of Mayors endorsed the 2005 U.S. Mayors' Climate
12 Protection Agreement signed by more than 700 mayors in the United States, including the City
13 of Baltimore; and

14 **WHEREAS**, The Urban Environmental Accords adopted by local government delegates
15 during UN World Environment Day 2005 call for reduced emissions through energy efficiency,
16 land use and transportation planning, waste reduction, and wiser energy management; and

17 **WHEREAS**, The 2000 U.S. Global Change Research Program's (USGCRP) First National
18 Assessment indicated that global warming has begun; and

19 **WHEREAS**, 162 countries, including the United States, pledged under the United Nations
20 Framework Convention on Climate Change to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions; and

21 **WHEREAS**, Local government actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase
22 energy efficiency provide multiple local benefits by decreasing air pollution, creating jobs,
23 reducing energy expenditures, and saving money for the local government, its businesses, and its
24 residents; and

25 **WHEREAS**, The City of Baltimore has initiated a process to complete a Sustainability Plan
26 and implementation program, established an Office of Sustainability, Environmental Sub-
27 Cabinet and Sustainability Advisory Commission; and

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

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1 **WHEREAS**, The Cities for Climate Protection® Campaign sponsored by the International
2 Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) - Local Governments for Sustainability has
3 invited the City of Baltimore to join ICLEI and become a partner in the Cities for Climate
4 Protection Campaign.

5 **SECTION 1. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the
6 Mayor and City Council of Baltimore expresses approval for the City of Baltimore to join ICLEI
7 as a full member, to participate in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign, and, as a
8 participant, to pledge to take a leadership role in promoting public awareness about the causes
9 and impacts of climate change.

10 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the City of Baltimore will undertake the
11 Cities for Climate Protection Campaign's 5 milestones to reduce both greenhouse gas and air
12 pollution emissions throughout the community, and specifically:

- 13 • Conduct a greenhouse gas emissions inventory and forecast to determine the source
14 and quantity of greenhouse gas emissions in the jurisdiction;
- 15 • Establish a greenhouse gas emissions reduction target;
- 16 • Develop an action plan with both existing and future actions that when implemented
17 will meet the local greenhouse gas reduction target;
- 18 • Implement the action plan; and
- 19 • Monitor and report progress.

20 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the City of Baltimore requests assistance
21 from ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection Campaign as it progresses through the milestones.

22 **SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That this Resolution takes effect on the date it
23 is enacted.

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Certified as duly passed this _____ day of _____, 20__

President, Baltimore City Council

Certified as duly delivered to Her Honor, the Mayor,
this _____ day of _____, 20__

Chief Clerk

Approved this _____ day of _____, 20__

Mayor, Baltimore City