



Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Legislation Text

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A resolution adopting a Metropolitan Government community-wide target of an 80% reduction in annual greenhouse gas emissions from 2014 levels by 2050.

WHEREAS, in the absence of significant actions, Nashville and Davidson County may face myriad climate risks, including an increased number of intense storms and tornadoes, more frequent flooding and extreme heat days per year, and adverse effects from the economic and social disruptions resulting from climate change local and globally; and

WHEREAS, climate-related risks present equivalent opportunities to foster innovation and creativity that can enhance community livability, equity, and economic development; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, including the Metropolitan Council, Metro boards and commissions, and community partners have taken action to commit to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including passage of legislation; and

WHEREAS, in December 2019, Mayor John Cooper joined 474 other U.S. mayors in signing onto the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy, a global coalition of city leaders dedicated to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, making their communities more resilient to the impacts of climate change, and providing access to sustainable energy; and

WHEREAS, Nashville's participation in the Global Covenant of Mayors requires ambitious local climate and energy action and a transition to a low-emission and resilient urban environment to benefit public and environmental health and to lay the foundation for a prosperous economy; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Sustainability Advisory Committee Report on Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County Climate Change Mitigation Action, and prior sustainability reports, recommend adoption of a Metro government and community-wide target of an 80% reduction in annual greenhouse gas emissions from 2014 levels by 2050; and

WHEREAS, between 2014 and 2017, Nashville achieved a 9.8% reduction in annual greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, beginning in January 2022, the Metropolitan Government will update its annual greenhouse gas emissions for Metro and the community for calendar year 2019, providing another datapoint that can indicate continued progress towards this goal, enabling recurring efforts to measure Metro and community greenhouse gas emissions on a regular basis and to make this information available to the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND DAVIDSON COUNTY:

Section 1. That the Metropolitan Council hereby goes on record as adopting a Metropolitan Government and community-wide target of an 80% reduction in annual greenhouse gas emissions from 2014 levels by 2050.

Section 2. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Mayor and Metro departments, boards and commissions and made available to the public.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect from and after its final passage, the welfare of the public requiring it.