

RESOLUTION #5, SERIES 2008

A Resolution Adopting a Sustainable Energy Plan for the Town of Jamestown

WHEREAS, Article 31-15-103 of the Colorado Revised Statutes enables the Board of Trustees to promote the health, safety, and welfare of the inhabitants of the town; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Jamestown is committed to protecting and enhancing the quality of life and environmental quality in the town now and for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Jamestown's greenhouse gas emissions are a known quantity as Boulder County has fully evaluated greenhouse gas emissions through an inventory of countywide and municipal emissions; and

WHEREAS, there is increasing scientific evidence that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere are currently impacting the Earth's climate and will continue to have profound and potentially devastating effects, increasing the risk of extreme weather events, increased flood severity, increased risk and intensity of catastrophic wildfire, increased risk of forest die-offs due to insect invasions, changing rainfall and crop productivity patterns, increased risk of drought, loss of alpine meadows, and migration of infectious diseases; and

WHEREAS, the Kyoto Protocol, an international agreement was adopted in December 1997 in Japan, setting binding targets for developed countries to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on average 5.2 percent below 1990 levels, although the United States has not ratified this protocol; and

WHEREAS, nationwide, over 770 municipal governments have already pledged to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from their government operations and throughout their communities; and

WHEREAS, in November of 2007 the Governor of the State of Colorado set a goal of reducing Colorado's greenhouse gas emissions by 20 percent below 2005 levels by 2020 and by 80 percent below 2005 levels by 2050; and

WHEREAS, local government actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased energy efficiency, increased use of clean renewable energy, and reduced vehicle miles traveled can reduce energy expenditures for local governments, businesses and citizens and create jobs in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Jamestown Board of Trustees desires Jamestown to take a leadership role in increasing energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions from town operations.
THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF JAMESTOWN, COLORADO:

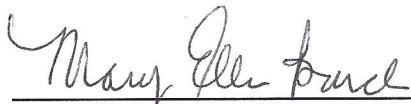
Section 1. Adoption of Sustainable Energy Plan: The Jamestown Board of Trustees hereby declares its intent that the Town shall identify and implement strategies contained in the countywide Sustainable Energy Plan developed through the Consortium of Cities that will reduce Jamestown's contribution to total global greenhouse gas emissions and other strategies that support achieving the goals of the plan, as appropriate.

The town's efforts will receive appropriate funding, within budget constraints, and seek to effectively, efficiently and quickly address greenhouse gas emissions in the town in order to achieve the greenhouse gas emissions reductions goals set forth in the Sustainable Energy Plan.


Section 2. Exceptions: The Town recognizes that certain elements of the Countywide Sustainable Energy Plan may cause unnecessary economic burden on the community. It is not the intention of the Board to adopt any particular program, project or policy through this resolution. Specifically, the Town does not adopt the Boulder County "BuildSmart" energy code until such time as the impacts of the code to the community have been assessed.

Section 3. Effective Date: This resolution shall become effective immediately, upon approval by the Board and signature by the Mayor.

INTRODUCED, READ, ADOPTED, APPROVED, AND SIGNED THIS 2ND DAY OF JUNE,
2008



MARY ELLEN BURCH, TOWN CLERK


KENNETH LENARCIC, MAYOR