

**Town of Erie
Resolution No. 22-16**

**A Resolution of the Board of Trustees of the Town of Erie Declaring
Erie a “GoEV City” and Pledging to Implement Strategies to
Reduce Transportation-Related Emissions**

Whereas, the transportation sector is now the largest source of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the State of Colorado and is a contributing factor to air pollution and climate change, threatening the health and well-being of the Town's residents and the planet;

Whereas, the Denver metropolitan area, including the Town of Erie, is in violation (non-attainment) of federal health-based standards for ground-level ozone pollution (a GHG);

Whereas, the transportation sector needs support to move toward adoption of clean energy technology with zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs), which include battery-electric vehicles (BEVs), plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (PHEVs), and hydrogen fuel cells vehicles, that reduce our dependence on foreign fuels and support a healthy environment, economy, and community well-being;

Whereas, conversion of cars, trucks, and buses to electric or other non-GHG producing fuels is needed to achieve deep reductions in carbon pollution and fuel consumption, recognizing that the air quality benefits grow over time as Xcel Energy, United Power, and Black Hills Energy transition to 100% renewable energy;

Whereas, the Town will not be able to meet its goals for reductions in transportation emissions without a thoughtful effort to electrify the transportation sector.

Whereas, the Town is dedicated to being a leader in sustainability and the use of clean energy, establishing policies and programs that conserve energy and promote its efficient use, and support Colorado’s goal of nearly one million EVs on the road by 2030;

Whereas, the Town has begun demonstrating leadership in the transportation sector by converting its fleet to electric vehicles, already installing 9 dual-port publicly available charging stations and committing to 25 charging stations by 2025, and working with regional partners to advance building and vehicle electrification efforts;

Whereas, the Town's residents have shown their support for reducing GHG emissions through support of the Sustainability Plan and Energy Action Plan and participation in myriad of renewable energy offerings from its utility providers;

Whereas, the Town's Sustainability Advisory Board recommends increasing the number of EVs on the road, developing EV-ready building codes for residential and commercial new construction, switching government fleet vehicles to EVs within the

replacement cycles or sooner and when appropriate models are available, and to support state and regional goals for EV adoption, and work with regional partners and neighboring communities to reach these goals.

Now Therefore be it Resolved by the Board of Trustees of the Town of Erie, Colorado, that:

Section 1. The Town is a “GoEV City” and pledges to develop and implement policies and strategies to meet the following transportation electrification goals and priorities:

a. The Town will establish a “ZEV First” Procurement Policy to ensure that all new light duty vehicles purchased by the Town Fleet are electric vehicles when the technology accommodates the needs of the vehicle use, departmental budgets, and global EV markets can accommodate both vehicle acquisition or lease and the associated infrastructure. The Town will include the total cost of vehicle ownership, including fuel and maintenance costs, and the social cost of carbon in its vehicle procurement calculations.

b. The Town will transition its municipal fleet to medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission vehicles and off-road equipment as these vehicles become available and cost competitive in Colorado.

c. The Town will support the electric vehicle charging station infrastructure needed to accommodate the transition of fleet and privately-owned vehicles.

d. The Town will implement community and resident-focused programs, policies, incentives, and infrastructure to support transition of 30% of all vehicles registered within the Town to zero-emissions by 2030, near-100% of all vehicles by 2050.

e. The Town will advocate that public transit providers (including, but not limited to the Regional Transportation District, the school districts, and future transportation services) transition all of their vehicles within Erie to electric or zero-emission vehicles by 2035.

f. The Town will encourage shared fleets operating within the Town such as taxis, Uber, Lyft and car-share companies to transition all vehicles to full electric or zero-emission fleets by 2040.

g. The Town will develop partnerships with micro-mobility companies to promote the use of electric assisted bicycles.

h. The Town will work across Town departments, with residents, businesses, developers and partners throughout the region and state to create an inclusive, carbon-free, and healthy community.

i. The Town will utilize an equitable decision matrix to be identified to develop policies and strategies to improve transportation equity and extend the benefits of transportation electrification to low-income households, historically underserved communities, and communities disproportionately affected by the harmful effects of air pollution.

Adopted this 8th day of February, 2022.

Jennifer Carroll, Mayor

Attest:

Heidi Leatherwood, Town Clerk