

DRAFT dated 12-18-14

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A CARBON TAX OR FEE FOR THE STATE OF OREGON

The City Council of the City of Eugene:

- A. Is compelled by the scientific consensus that carbon dioxide emissions are the primary cause of global climate change.
- B. Agrees that climate change is a crisis demanding immediate measures to reduce its negative effects.
- C. Finds that climate change is a threat to public health, national security, food security, and business supply chains. These have costs to our society that are not reflected in the price of fossil fuels.
- D. Believes that assigning a cost to carbon dioxide emissions is one of the most efficient ways to discourage consumption of fossil fuels and encourage development of alternatives.
- E. Finds that the *2013 Tax and Shift: How to make it work for Oregon's Economy* report published by the Portland State University Northwest Economic Research Center and the December 2014 report to the legislature on the feasibility of a fee or tax on greenhouse gas emissions, also by Northwest Economic Research Center, conclude that imposing a price on carbon within the State of Oregon would have relatively small impacts on the economy and would significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF EUGENE, A Municipal Corporation of the State of Oregon, calls on the Oregon State Legislature to:

- Section 1.** Craft legislation carefully to impose a carbon tax or fee, relying on modeling described in the NERC reports and the experience of British Columbia, with special attention to mitigating impacts on low-income Oregonians.
- Section 2.** Urge the EPA to allow states the option to voluntarily use market based economy wide carbon pricing as an alternative compliance mechanism for the Clean Power Plan.
- Section 3.** This resolution shall be sent to Governor Kitzhaber, Senators Wyden and Merkley, Congressman DeFazio, our local state legislative delegation; and the City shall lobby on its behalf where appropriate.

The foregoing Resolution adopted on the _____ day of _____, 2015.

_____ **Deputy City Recorder**