



Resolution
Energy Efficiency Day
9.19.22

In support of recognizing the first Wednesday in October as 'Energy Efficiency Day' in Winooski

Whereas, the City of Winooski, Vermont is proud to be forward thinking on the impact of energy use on our built and natural environment; and

Whereas, the 2019 City of Winooski Mater Plan identifies enhanced energy goals that roll up to Vermont's Municipal Energy Planning; and

Whereas, Winooski, Vermont is already a leader in moving towards Vermont energy goals by enhancing a walkable/bikeable land use pattern, use of electric vehicles within the City's fleet, and supporting energy efficiency upgrades for residents through the Housing Trust Fund; and

Whereas, energy efficiency is the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to meet the City of Winooski's energy needs, avoid dangerous pollution, and reduce utility bills for residents and businesses in our community; and

Whereas, implementing energy efficiency and other clean energy policies and programs can help boost economic opportunities and job creation while continuing to move Winooski toward a sustainable future; and

Whereas, smarter energy use reduces the amount of electricity needed to power our lives, which helps avoid power plant emissions that can harm our health, pollute our air, and warm our climate; and

Whereas, for cities and states like ours that are trying to tackle harmful pollution, energy efficiency can get us about halfway toward our emissions reduction goals; and

Whereas, energy efficiency makes our homes and workspaces healthier, safer, and more comfortable; and

Whereas, cutting energy waste can save City of Winooski households measurable hard-earned money on their utility bills every year; and

Whereas, improved energy codes for homes and commercial buildings also can significantly reduce utility costs and create new jobs, and City of Winooski supports increasing the minimum levels of efficiency for new buildings through adoption and implementation of the Vermont Residential and Commercial Building Energy Standards; and

Whereas, the businesses and residents of Winooski can continue to contribute to our energy efficiency efforts by learning about and participating in our Municipal Infrastructure Commission, Planning Commission, and Housing Commission; and

Whereas, a nationwide network of energy efficiency groups and partners has designated the first Wednesday in October as Energy Efficiency Day; and

Whereas, together we can continue to contribute to our sustainability efforts by learning more about energy efficiency and practicing smarter energy use in our daily lives; and

Now, Therefore, the City of Winooski declares October 5th, 2022 as 'Energy Efficiency Day' and urges our residents and businesses to join us in support of cleaner, more efficient energy goals, now and in the future.

Affirmative Vote:

Mayor

Councilor

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Adopted

Rejected

Attest (City Clerk)

Approved Date