

**BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON
RESOLUTION 2021 – 3.4**

**RESOLUTION COMMITTING THE BOROUGH OF PENNINGTON TO BECOMING
CARBON NEUTRAL IN ALL OF ITS OPERATIONS BY 2035**

WHEREAS, the Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change has found unequivocally that climate change constitutes a serious and growing threat and that human activities are the primary source of increased atmospheric concentrations of global warming gases; and

WHEREAS, global scientific consensus predicts as a consequence of global warming costly and dangerous disruptions, including increased risk of flooding, drought and coastal storms, accelerated spread of disease and invasive species, severe property damage, economic loss, and threat to human life; and

WHEREAS, Our changing climate is predicted to worsen the impacts of extreme weather events, such as Hurricane Sandy, which is estimated to have cost the State of New Jersey \$38.6 billion.

WHEREAS, The New Jersey Global Warming Response Act (N.J.S.A. 26:2C-37) calls for a reduction of statewide greenhouse gas emissions to 80% below 2006 levels by 2050.

WHEREAS, The New Jersey 2019 Energy Master Plan calls for a shift away from energy production that contributes to climate change, and sets a goal of 100 percent clean energy by 2050.

WHEREAS, the United States represents less than five percent of the world's population but contributes more than thirty percent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, climate change calls for national and international responses, but ultimately greenhouse gas emissions are generated locally; and

WHEREAS, leading U.S. companies have called for immediate measures to halt and reverse the threat of global warming; and

WHEREAS, cities and states throughout the U.S. are adopting greenhouse gas emission reduction targets and strategies including New Brunswick and Jersey City; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Pennington desires to be part of the solution to the problems of climate change;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Mayor and Council of the Borough of Pennington, that:

1. The Environmental Commission will be responsible for reporting to Council on an annual basis the amount of carbon released by the Borough and the amount of carbon offset; and

2. The Environmental Commission will assist the Borough in developing strategies to migrate away from carbon energy sources; and
3. Pennington Borough will become Carbon Neutral in all of its operations by 2035; and
4. The Environmental Commission will use the Borough's efforts to become carbon neutral as a means to educate and encourage Borough residents and businesses to become carbon neutral.

Record of Council Vote on Passage

COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.	COUNCILMAN	AYE	NAY	N.V.	A.B.
Chandler	M				Marciante	X			
Gnatt	X				Mills	S			
Gross	X				Simple	X			

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Borough Council of the Borough of Pennington at a meeting on March 1, 2021.

Elizabeth Sterling, Borough Clerk