Resolution No. R-2012-11

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sequim, Washington establishing a Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Policy

WHEREAS, state, regional, and local governments throughout the United States are adopting energy conservation programs and policies; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Legislature has established RCW 70.235 to direct the Washington State Department of Ecology to develop a response strategy to assist the state and local governments in preparing and adapting to impacts from climate change by limiting greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Washington State Department of Ecology is taking steps to assure climate change considerations are incorporated into environmental review under the State Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) Checklist and have established a Climate Advisory Team to clarify SEPA rules to include climate issues; and

WHEREAS, RCW 70.235 requires that when distributing capital funds through competitive programs for infrastructure and economic requires all state agencies consider whether the entity receiving the funds has adopted policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds the adoption of this resolution to be in the public's interest;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Sequim as follows:

1. The City of Sequim does hereby adopt the Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Policy in attached Exhibit A.

Adopted by the City Council this 24th day of Sept, 2012.

Ken Hays

Ken Hays, Mayor

ATTEST:

Karen Kuznek-Reese, MMC, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Craig A. Ritchie, City Attorney

Exhibit A
City of Sequim
Greenhouse Gas Emission Reduction Policy

In conducting the business of the City of Sequim, the following steps shall be taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions:

- Maximize the reduction of vehicle miles traveled to the extent feasible.
- Endeavour to limit resources required to conduct business, including electricity and structures.
- Minimize the use of printed materials to the extent feasible.
- Promote reduction of energy consumption in buildings and infrastructure to the extent feasible.
- Promote and support the generation and use of alternative energy.
- Encourage the reduction of consumption of fossil fuels associated with equipment procurement to the extent feasible.
- Promote and support development patterns that encourage compact and transit-friendly communities and protect natural resources.
- Incorporate natural drainage features and low-impact development practices to the extent feasible.
- Manage street lighting needs by encouraging lighting standards and using lamps that will assure safe and effective illumination at minimum cost and energy use to the extent feasible.
- Consider purchasing practices and standards to support reductions in GHG emissions, including preferences for energy-efficient office equipment and the use of recycled material and manufacturers that have implemented green management practices.
- Promote and encourage safe and convenient access for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- Promote and encourage programs and policies to increase the use of recycled water.