

1 RESOLUTION 2021-

2 A RESOLUTION OF THE LONGMONT CITY COUNCIL DECLARING LONGMONT A
3 “GOEV CITY” AND PLEDGING TO IMPLEMENT STRATEGIES TO REDUCE
4 TRANSPORTATION-RELATED EMISSIONS

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6 WHEREAS, the transportation sector is now the largest source of greenhouse gas (GHG)
7 emissions in the State and is a contributing factor to air pollution and climate change, threatening
8 the health and well-being of our residents and the planet that sustains us; and

9 WHEREAS, the Denver metropolitan area, including Longmont, is in violation (non-
10 attainment) of federal health-based standards for ground-level ozone pollution (a GHG); and

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

15 WHEREAS, conversion of cars, trucks, and buses to electric or other non-GHG producing
16 fuels is needed to achieve deep reductions in carbon pollution and fuel consumption, recognizing
17 that the air quality benefits grow over time as Platte River Power Authority transitions to 100%
18 renewable energy; and

19 WHEREAS, Longmont will not be able to meet its goals for reductions in transportation
20 emissions without a thoughtful effort to electrify the transportation sector; and

21 WHEREAS, Longmont is dedicated to being a leader in the use of clean energy,
22 establishing policies and programs that conserve energy, promote sustainability, and support
23 Colorado’s goal of nearly one million EVs on the road by 2030; and

1 WHEREAS, Longmont has demonstrated leadership in the transportation sector by
2 converting the municipal trash fleet to Renewable Natural Gas (RNG), powered solely by methane
3 produced at the City's wastewater treatment plant, installing five (5) dual-port public charging
4 stations, purchasing nineteen (19) BEV's and PHEV's, and working with regional partners to
5 advance vehicle electrification efforts; and

6 WHEREAS, the residents of Longmont have shown their support for reducing GHG
7 emissions through overwhelming support for the 100% renewable energy goal approved by the
8 City Council in January 2018; and

9 WHEREAS, Longmont City Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2019, and the
10 Climate Action Task Force recommended accelerating the transition to EVs by increasing the
11 number of easily accessible charging stations in the City; and

12 WHEREAS, Longmont City Council approved the Equitable Carbon-Free Transportation
13 Roadmap in 2021, a coordinated action plan that has expanded steps to reach the City's adopted
14 greenhouse gas reduction goals in the transportation sector in an equitable way.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, THE LONGMONT CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES:

16 Section 1

17 Longmont is a GoEV City and pledges to develop and implement policies and strategies to
18 meet the following transportation electrification goals and priorities:

- 19 A) Longmont will establish a "ZEV First" procurement policy to ensure that all new light duty
20 vehicles purchased by the City Fleet are electric vehicles when the technology
21 accommodates the needs of the vehicle use and departmental budgets can accommodate
22 both vehicle acquisition and the associated charging infrastructure. The City will include

1 the total cost of vehicle ownership, including fuel and maintenance costs, and the social
2 cost of carbon in its vehicle procurement calculations.

3 B) Longmont will transition its municipal fleet to medium- and heavy-duty zero-emission
4 vehicles and off-road equipment as these vehicles become available and cost competitive
5 in Colorado.

6 C) Longmont will support the electric vehicle charging station infrastructure needed to
7 accommodate the transition of fleet and privately-owned vehicles.

8 D) Longmont will implement community and resident-focused programs, policies, incentives,
9 and infrastructure to support transition of 30% of all vehicles registered within the City to
10 zero-emissions by 2030, and near-100% of all vehicles by 2050.

11 E) Longmont will advocate that public transit providers (including, but not limited to the
12 Regional Transportation District (RTD), the School District (SVVSD), TransFort, and Via)
13 transition all of their vehicles within Longmont to electric or zero-emission vehicles by
14 2035.

15 F) Longmont will encourage shared fleets operating within the City such as taxis, Uber and
16 Lyft, and carshare companies to transition all shared fleet vehicles to full electric or zero-
17 emission fleets by 2040.

18 G) Longmont will develop partnerships with micro-mobility companies to promote the use of
19 electric assisted bicycles.

20 H) Longmont will work across City departments, with residents, businesses, developers and
21 partners throughout the region and state to create an inclusive, carbon-free, and healthy
22 community.

1 Section 2

Be it further resolved, that Longmont will utilize the equity priorities identified in the Equitable Carbon-Free Transportation Roadmap 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.

7 A) Connect: Ensure connectivity and visibility of services and transportation modes for all.

8 B) Include: Build greater inclusion of various languages, cultures and abilities in the
9 development and implementation of projects.

C) Reduce Barriers: Address cost burdens and eliminate barriers around reliable and continuous access to programs and job opportunities.

2 D) Safety: Identify and resolve actual and perceived safety concerns.

3 Section 3

4 The resolution shall in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

5 Passed and adopted this _____ day of _____, 2021.

19 MAYOR

22 ATTEST:

26 CITY CLERK

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5 SENIOR ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

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