

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago Community-scale Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Inventory final report was released in 2017, indicating that within the boundaries of the city 32,650,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide was generated in 2015; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago, under the Daley Administration, produced the Chicago Climate Action Plan that proposed goals of reducing greenhouse gases to 80% of 1990 levels by the year 2020; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago, under the Emanuel Administration, expanded the city's goal of reducing greenhouse gases equal or greater than the 26-28% reduction of 2005 levels by the year 2025; and,


WHEREAS, The City of Chicago has set forth a goal of having all public buildings powered 100% renewable energy sources by 2025; and,

WHEREAS, A crucial component to reducing greenhouse gases is the capturing of gases such as carbon dioxide (CO₂) in a three step process that involves capturing CO₂ produced by power generation, steel and cement industries, or industrial activity, transporting the captured CO₂, and ultimately storing it underground; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago can assist in achieving the landmark goals of the 2015 Paris Agreement by implementing a combination of policies inclusive of CO₂ reductions and GHG capture technologies; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, That the Committee on Environmental Protection & Energy hold a subject matter hearing on carbon dioxide capture and storage technology, its safety and benefits, and incentives necessary to expand operational capacity within the City of Chicago; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO, The Commissioner of Planning and Development, Chief Sustainability Officer, and appropriate public and private sector subject matter experts, or their respective designees, be invited to provide relevant testimony at such hearing.



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