

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING ACTION STEPS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF
SUSTAINABILITY GOALS**

WHEREAS, in 2018, Governor Roy Cooper signed Executive Order-80, “North Carolina’s Commitment to Address Climate Change and Transition to a Clean Energy Economy,” which states that North Carolina will honor the 2015 Paris Agreement goals and the state’s commitment to the United State Climate Alliance, and requires the state to reduce its GHG emissions to 40% below 2005 levels by 2025; and

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2020, Council approved Resolution #20-0499 to reach the goal of 50% clean renewable energy by 2030 and creation of green jobs; and

WHEREAS, the 2021 energy inventory of city operations has only shown a 0.81% reduction from the 2008 baseline target.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Winston Salem hereby authorize the City Manager to take the following action:

1. By the end of 2023, hire a consultant firm to conduct an energy audit and create a roadmap for the City that will reduce total energy usage and convert Winston-Salem to 50% renewable energy by 2030.
2. Create an Interdepartmental Strategic Energy Plan Leadership Team that will work closely with the consulting company to plan, fund, schedule, and implement the recommendations to successfully meet a 50% energy goal by 2030.