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Draft of a Resolution of the City of Rapid City
In Regards to the Support of the Implementation of Renewable Energy

Whereas the cost of electricity has recently increased at a rapid rate and indications are that those costs will continue to rise at a rate that will place increasing financial burdens on the residents of Rapid City and the Budget of the city of Rapid City.

Whereas the cost of installing renewable energy technology over the last few years has dropped to the point that it is now competitive with energy generated from fossil fuels and those renewable energy costs are projected to decrease.

Whereas communities and states that have encouraged and incentivized the implementation of renewable energy projects have benefited from the reduction of energy costs for distributed energy generators and the development of new local industries providing a new tax base and well paying technical jobs.

Whereas given the above statements, the city and citizens of Rapid City stand to benefit significantly in the long term from the incorporation of renewable energy technology.

Therefore Be It Resolved that the city of Rapid City recognizes the value of renewable energy in Rapid City's future, encourages and supports any reasonable incentive at the local and state level that will advance the incorporation of renewable energy generation into the state's energy future, and will endeavor to take advantage of the potential cost savings from the use of renewable energy technology in the future.