

Resolution of the City of Rapid City

In Regard to Support for Renewable Energy

Whereas the cost of electricity has recently increased at a rapid rate and it is logical based on historical trends that the cost will continue to rise.

Whereas the cost of generating electricity with renewable energy technology has dropped to the point that it is now competitive with generating energy from fossil fuels and the cost of renewable energy is projected to decrease.

Whereas renewable energy has been successfully integrated into existing power grid systems across the country.

Whereas many communities and corporations in the United States and the world are increasing their energy resiliency by transitioning to the increased use of renewable energy.

Whereas increasing the use of renewable energy can help comply with pending federal carbon pollution reduction rules.

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

Whereas given the above statements, the 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 as part of the state's energy future, and will endeavor to take advantage of the potential cost savings from renewable energy technology in the future.