#### RESOLUTION NO. R07-03 CMS

# A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP AND PARTICIPATION IN THE CLIMATE PROTECTION CAMPAIGN WITH ICLEI

WHEREAS, scientific consensus has developed that Carbon CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gases released into the atmosphere have a profound effect on the Earth's climate, and

WHEREAS, in 2006 the U.S. National Climatic Data Center confirmed clear evidence of human influences on climate due to changes in greenhouse gases, and

WHEREAS, the U S Conference of Mayors endorsed the 2005 U S Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement initiated by Seattle Mayor Nickels and signed by 339 mayors in the United States as of November 2006, and

WHEREAS, the Urban Environmental Accords adopted by local government delegates during UN World Environment Day 2005 call for reduced emissions through energy efficiency, land use and transportation planning, waste reduction, and wiser energy management, and

WHEREAS, in 2003 the American Geophysical Union adopted a Statement noting that human activities are increasingly altering the Earth's climate and that natural influences cannot explain the rapid increase in near-surface temperatures observed during the second half of the 20th century, and

WHEREAS, in 2001, at the request of the Administration, the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) reviewed and declared global warming a real problem caused in part by the actions of humankind, and

WHEREAS, the 2001 Third Assessment Report from the International Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and the 2000 U.S. Global Change Research Program's (USGCRP) First National Assessment indicate that global warming has begun, and

WHEREAS, 162 countries including the United States pledged under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, and

WHEREAS, energy consumption, specifically the burning of fossil fuels, accounts for more than 80% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, and

WHEREAS, local government actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy efficiency provide multiple local benefits by decreasing air pollution, creating jobs, reducing energy expenditures, and saving money for the local government, its businesses, and its residents, and

WHEREAS, the Cities for Climate Protection® Campaign sponsored by ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability has invited the City of Oberlin to join ICLEI and become a partner in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Oberlin, County of Lorain, State of Ohio, a majority of all members elected thereto concurring

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SECTION 1 That the City of Oberlin, Ohio, will join ICLEI as a Full Member and participate in the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign and, as a participant, pledges to take a leadership role in promoting public awareness about the causes and impacts of climate change

SECTION 2 That the City of Oberlin will undertake the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign's five milestones to reduce both greenhouse gas and air pollution emissions throughout the community, and specifically

- Conduct a greenhouse gas emissions inventory and forecast to determine the source and quantity of greenhouse gas emissions in the jurisdiction,
- Establish a greenhouse gas emissions reduction target,
- Develop an action plan with both existing and future actions which when implemented will meet the local greenhouse gas reduction target,
- Implement the action plan, and
- Monitor and report progress, and

SECTION 3 That the City of Oberlin requests assistance from ICLEI's Cities for Climate Protection Campaign as it progresses through the milestones

SECTION 4 It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning or relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121 22 of the Ohio Revised Code

SECTION 5 That this Resolution shall take effect at the earliest date allowed by law

PASSED

1st Reading – February 5, 2007 2nd Reading – February 20, 2007 (E)

3rd Reading -

**ATTEST** 

Sheri Haury

**CLERK OF COUNCIL** 

Daniel Gardner

CHAIR OF COUNCIL

POSTED February 21, 2007

**EFFECTIVE DATE** February 21, 2007

### Frequently Asked Questions: Cities for Climate Protection® Campaign

#### What is ICLEI?

ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability is an international membership association of local governments dedicated to addressing environmental issues through local action

#### What is the Cities for Climate Protection® Campaign?

The Cities for Climate Protection® (CCP) Campaign ICLEI's hallmark program that engages cities, towns, and counties in reducing the pollution that causes global warming The CCP Campaign started in 1993

#### How many cities, towns, and counties participate?

More than 200 cities, towns, and counties in the United States—and more than 770 communities worldwide—participate in the CCP Campaign

#### How does a jurisdiction participate in the CCP Campaign?

Any city, county, or town can participate in the CCP Campaign by joining ICLEI and adopting a resolution or making an executive proclamation that commits to reducing local emissions that contribute to global warming. The process is not linear and consists of working through five milestones

- 1 Conduct a local emissions inventory and forecast of greenhouse gas emissions
- 2 Adopt an emissions reduction target
- 3 Draft an action plan to achieve the target
- 4 Implement the action plan
- 5 Evaluate, report on progress, and update plans

#### How do jurisdictions benefit from CCP participation?

- Participating jurisdictions reduce global warming pollution, cut traffic, save tax dollars, clean the air, and improve the quality of life in their communities
- CCP participants have access to a global network of local governments that act to protect the climate through innovative and proven projects
- ICLEI provides technical assistance, emissions analysis software, case studies, training workshops, publications, and other learning, networking and recognition opportunities

### ICLEI

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#### How much staff time does CCP participation require?

The CCP staff liaison from the energy, planning, public works or other department integrates CCP work with ongoing department activity. The time requirement varies depending upon the size and complexity of the local government, the pace at which the community opts to address the milestones, and the involvement of community members.

#### How do local governments inventory emissions?

ICLEI provides forms for collecting data and software for conducting the emissions inventory Relevant data are collected for local transportation, waste, and energy consumption. The software computes emissions numbers as well as co-benefits related to cost savings and criteria air pollution prevention. The resulting inventory is a valuable resource for planning new activities and serves as a baseline for measuring progress.

#### How do local governments develop emissions reduction plans?

Cities, towns, and counties use the CCP toolkit to work through the milestone process. The toolkit helps participants identify emissions reduction ideas and strategies. ICLEI also provides case studies and sample action plans prepared by other CCP local governments.

#### How much does CCP participation cost?

The CCP is free for members of ICLEI ICLEI membership provides discounts on publications, events, and software ICLEI members pay an annual fee based on population



### **Application for Membership**

Jurisdiction Name			
		State	
Website		Population	
1 Name of Chief Executive Official		Title	
E-mail		Telephone	
2 Name of elected official liaison to ICLEI		Title	
Address			
City		State, ZIP	
E-mail		Telephone	
Date last elected / Last day of term		<u> </u>	
3 Name of staff liaison to ICLEI		Title	
Address			
City		State, ZIP	
E-mail		Telephone	
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Please take a moment to complete the questions on the reverse side

Signature

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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7 Please list other local governmental associations of which your local government is a member
8 Please list any local governments that are twin or sister cities with your local government
9 In general, how can ICLEI best help your local government with climate protection and sustainability goals?
10 If you are a new member, how did you learn about ICLEI?
Thank you for your interest in joining ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability