

RESOLUTION #

RESOLUTION OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO CLEAN VEHICLES

- WHEREAS, in 2017, Buncombe County established a goal of reaching 100% renewable energy for its internal operation by 2030; and
- WHEREAS, the fossil-fueled transportation sector is one of the largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions in the nation and is a contributing factor to air pollution and the climate crisis, threatening the health of our residents and the sustainability of our planet; and
- WHEREAS, the transportation sector needs support to move toward adoption of clean energy technology that reduces our dependence on fossil and foreign fuels and supports a healthy environment and economy; and
- WHEREAS, there are many opportunities to save Buncombe County taxpayers money by improving the efficiency and reducing maintenance costs of county fleet vehicles; and
- WHEREAS, transition to clean technologies for light, medium and heavy duty vehicles is needed to achieve deep reductions in carbon pollution and the benefits grow over time as utilities transition to higher levels of renewable energy.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Buncombe as follows:

1. Buncombe County commits to the goal of transitioning its entire fleet to zero emission vehicles in the most expeditious and financially responsible manner possible.
2. Buncombe County Commission supports the County's fleet policy to purchase new or replacement vehicles that are the most efficient in their respective class in order to expedite this transition.
3. Buncombe County commits to supporting the necessary infrastructure needed to accommodate the transition of its fleet to zero emission vehicles, such as electric vehicle charging stations.
4. Buncombe County will advocate for Federal, State and utility level programs, policies, incentives and regulatory approaches that assist in the transition toward clean vehicles for its fleet and for the community at large.

Adopted this 19th day of October, 2021

ATTEST

BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Lamar Joyner, Clerk

BY: _____
Brownie Newman, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM

County Attorney