

**RESOLUTION NO. 676**

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A GOAL TO REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS CITY-WIDE BY 28% BY 2025 FOR THE CITY OF ROELAND PARK**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Roeland Park has a duty to promote the public health, safety and welfare of its residents, including access to clean air, clean water and a livable environment; and

**WHEREAS**, energy resources we use as a local government and community significantly impact public health, safety, and welfare including the economic and social well-being of current and future residents; and

**WHEREAS**, there is unequivocal scientific consensus that human activity is significantly responsible for the continuing acceleration of a warming global climate; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to effect change and reduce harmful greenhouse gasses that deteriorate the atmosphere and contribute to global warming, the City leadership needs to lead at the local level and make a commitment to reduce carbon emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recently contracted to use a carbon emissions tracking software Dynamhex to measure and track its progress toward emissions reduction; and

**WHEREAS**, Dynamhex determined the total carbon emissions city-wide as of 2019 were 55,117 metric tons of greenhouse gases; and

**WHEREAS**, the Paris Climate Agreement goals state that communities should strive to reduce carbon emissions by 28% by 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, Roeland Park residents and businesses will be able to use the Dynamhex tool to measure their own personal carbon footprint and get recommendations on how they can make their homes or businesses more sustainable; and

**WHEREAS**, the Climate Action KC Playbook provides focused actions that local governments can take to mitigate its environmental impact through its approach to procurement, fleet, energy consumption and more; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the goal of the Roeland Park Governing Body and the City's Sustainability Committee to lead by example and set a goal to reduce emissions to the extent possible locally; now

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF ROELAND PARK, KANSAS, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** To adopt the goal to reduce carbon emissions city-wide by 28% by 2025.

**Section 2.** The Governing Body will take steps to achieve this goal through the implementation of strategies as suggested in the Climate Action KC Playbook and Dynamhex.

**PASSED** by the Governing Body of the City on May 18, 2020 and **APPROVED AND SIGNED** by the Mayor.

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Mike Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kelley Nielsen, City Clerk