

**THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS
MAYOR AND COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION 26 -15

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PARTIAL FUNDING BY THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLES TO BE PAID FOR IN SUBSTANTIAL PART BY THE MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION PURSUANT TO AN EXISTING MARYLAND SMART ENERGY COMMUNITIES PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT (THE “GRANT AGREEMENT”)

Introduced by: Mayor Jacqueline Goodall

WHEREAS, the Maryland Energy Administration (“MEA”) administers the Maryland Smart Energy Communities (“MSEC”) program, funded through the Strategic Energy Investment Fund (“SEIF”); and

WHEREAS, on June 19, 2013, the Town Council approved a MSEC Grant Agreement pursuant to Resolution 54-13, which allowed the Town to access grant funds to support certain policies to be approved by said Council and implemented by the Town under terms and conditions established by MEA as the grantor and party to said agreement; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the subject MSEC Grant Agreement was to formalize the roles and responsibilities required of the Town-Grantee as part of the MSEC program, and agree that if the Town-Grantee is able to document to the Administration’s satisfaction that at least two of the three Policies prescribed have been successfully adopted, including the creation of the required baselines and plans, and that all other Grant requirements have been complied with, the Administration will provide funding for energy efficiency and/or renewable energy and/or transportation petroleum reduction Project(s) occurring on or in a facility (or facilities) owned by the Grantee;

WHEREAS, the total amount of grant funding available was established to be up to seventy-two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$72,500.00), and of this, the amount of grant funding available for general energy efficiency projects, renewable energy projects, or transportation petroleum reduction projects is up to thirty-seven thousand, five hundred dollars (\$37,500.00), and furthermore, the amount of grant funding available for energy efficiency projects benefitting low-to-moderate income Maryland residents was to be thirty-five thousand dollars (\$35,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the MSEC Grant Agreement essentially requires the Town to create baselines and plans to be implemented for the two policies the Town chooses to pursue, and to

adopt formal, written policies (i.e., resolutions for policies enumerated per Attachment B of the Grant Agreement) through its legislative body committing the local government to the policies specified in the Policy Guidance Documents, referenced in the Grant Agreement, and that grant funding will not be released to the Grantee by MEA until the baselines, plans, and policies are in place and have received written approval by MEA; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2014, the Town Council approved a policy declaring the Town to take a leadership role in reducing transportation petroleum consumption by enrolling as a smart energy community pursuant to Resolution 38-14; and

WHEREAS, the Town Public Works Director has recommended as part of the Town's MSEC program and policies to purchase for the Town's inventory, two (2) Nissan Leaf (also formatted "LEAF" as an acronym for Leading, Environmentally friendly, Affordable, Family car), which is a compact five-door hatchback electric car manufactured by Nissan and introduced in Japan and the United States in December 2010; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to an email dated May 7, 2015 from Mr. Devan Willemsen of MEA to FHPW Director Stanley Mosley, MEA has reviewed Forest Heights' proposal to purchase two (2) Nissan Leafs and based on the analysis [$\$6,769$ (Town Funds) + $\$30,251$ (MEA Funds) = $\$37,020$; $\$30,251/\$2,521$ in annual fuel savings = 12 year simple payback] provided the simple payback terms of annual energy savings and upfront costs is approximately 15 years instead of the targeted 12 year payback minimum for vehicle investments typically required by MEA, therefore, MEA requests the Town to match or contribute a portion or $\$6,769.00$ of the cost for the new vehicles; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and Town Council of The Town of Forest Heights, Maryland hereby agrees and approves the requested partial contribution by the Town to purchase two (2) Nissan Leaf electric vehicle's as described hereinabove pursuant to the existing Maryland Energy Administration Maryland Smart Energy Communities Grant Program and Grant Agreement entered into by the parties on June 13, 2013; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the expenditures for said vehicles to be procured under this Resolution shall be allocated to line item #7258 (description: Maryland Smart Energy Grant) of the FY2015 Budget, and that the Mayor is hereby authorized to make purchases of said vehicles at a total cost not to exceed $\$37,020$; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

PASSED this 20th day of May 2015.

APPROVED: By Resolution of the Town Council of The Town of Forest Heights, Maryland

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ATTEST:

THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND

Signature on file

Bonita C. Anderson, Town Clerk

Signature on file

By: _____
Jacqueline Goodall, Mayor

Signature on file

By: _____
Lynn Smith-Barnes, Council President

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT

GOODALL

YEA

KENNEDY II

YEA

MCLAURIN

YEA

BARNES

YEA

MUHAMMAD

YEA

SMITH-BARNES

YEA

MANN

YEA

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify, as the duly appointed Town Clerk of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, that on the 20th day of May 2015 with 7 Aye votes and 0 Nay, constituting a majority of at least four (4) affirmative votes, the aforesaid Resolution 26-15 passed.

Signature on file

Bonita Anderson, Town Clerk