

**THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS
RESOLUTION 23-22**

**A RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH A RENEWABLE ENERGY GOAL FOR THE
MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS**

Introduced by: Mayor Calvin Washington

WHEREAS, the Town of Forest Heights (the "Town") has been a participant in the Maryland Energy Administration's Smart Energy Communities Program and the Town has committed to being a socially responsible leader by decreasing its electricity consumption; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council approved Resolution 54-13 entitled "A Resolution to approve a Maryland Emergency Administration Smart Energies Grant Program Grant Agreement" in the amount of \$72,500 on June 19, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council approved Resolution 75-13 entitled "A Policy Declaring the Town of Forest Heights' Intent to take a Leadership Role on Reducing Electricity Consumption within the Town Hall and Garage Building, Partnering with the Maryland Energy Administration, and Enrolling as a Maryland Smart Energy Community" on October 16, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council approved Resolution 40-15 entitled "A Resolution to Support the Prince George's County Municipal Collaboration FY 2016 MEA Empower LMI (low to moderate income) Communities Grant Application and DHCD Sustainable Communities-Community Legacy Grant Applications" on June 21, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council approved Resolution 41-17 entitled "A Resolution to approve a Maryland Energy Administration Maryland Smart Energy Communities Grant Agreement for Solar Photovoltaic System at the Police Station" on June 21, 2017; and

WHEREAS, renewable energy is energy that is collected from renewable resources that are naturally replenished on a human timescale and it includes sources such as sunlight, wind, rain, tides, waves, and geothermal heat; and

WHEREAS, the Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Act (SB 516) passed by the State of Maryland on May 22, 2019, requires fifty percent (50%) of Maryland's energy to come from renewable sources and fourteen and one-half percent (14.5%) from in-state solar by the year 2030; and

WHEREAS, clean energy sources such as wind can be more affordable than fossil fuel sources; and energy efficiency measures that drive down energy demand are the most cost-effective means to reduce fossil fuel consumption; and

WHEREAS, renewable energy represents a substantial economic opportunity for Town of Forest Heights to create jobs in an emerging industry, increase economic security and expand

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prosperity for local residents, reduce air pollution and associated public health risks, reduce the strain on water resources, and save consumers money; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7-701 of the Public Utilities Article of Md. Ann. Code, the General Assembly of Maryland has declared its intent to increase its reliance on renewable energy in order to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and meet the State's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals under § 2-1205 of the Environment Article; and

WHEREAS, Town of Forest Heights is dedicated to being a better steward of its land and resources, as well as the Town's recent collaboration with PEPCO to install twenty (6) electronic charging stations on County property; and

WHEREAS, renewable energy sources have significant public health co-benefits associated that can help address pressing environmental justice challenges in sensitive communities including the Town of Forest Heights and other communities around the country; and

WHEREAS, "renewable energy" specifically excludes energy derived from fossil fuels, nuclear, incineration of municipal and medical waste, and large-scale future hydroelectric development.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Town Council of Forest Heights that the Town of Forest Heights Government hereby establishes a one hundred percent (100%) renewable energy goal for Town government electricity use by the year 2030.

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

PASSED this 20 day of April 2022.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE

YEA/NAY/ABSTAIN/ABSENT

LILLY

Yea

KENNEDY

Yea

ATKINSON

Absent

BARNES

Yea

HINES

Yea

WASHINGTON

Yea

NOBLE

Yea

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ATTEST:

THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS,
MARYLAND

SIGNATURE ON FILE
Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk

By: SIGNATURE ON FILE
Calvin Washington, Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify, as the duly appointed Town Clerk of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, that on the 20 of April 2022 with 6 Aye votes and 0 Nay vote the aforesaid Resolution 23-22 passed.

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk