



COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 5130

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A CARBON PRICING POLICY FOR
THE STATE OF OREGON.**

PASSED: 5:2

REJECTED:

OPPOSED: Poling, Clark

ABSENT: Evans

CONSIDERED: April 22, 2015



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The City Council of the City of Eugene finds that:

A. The City Council is compelled by the scientific consensus that carbon dioxide emissions are the primary cause of global climate change.

B. The City Council agrees that climate change is a crisis demanding immediate measures to reduce its negative effects.

C. Climate change is a threat to public health, national security, food security, and business supply chains. These have costs to our society that are not reflected in the price of fossil fuels.

D. The City Council believes that assigning a cost to carbon dioxide emissions is one of the most efficient ways to decrease carbon pollution, discourage consumption of fossil fuels and encourage development of alternatives.

E. The *2013 Tax and Shift: How to Make it Work for Oregon's Economy* report published by the Portland State University Northwest Economic Research Center and the December 2014 report to the legislature on the feasibility of a fee or tax on greenhouse gas emissions, also by Northwest Economic Research Center, conclude that imposing a price on carbon within the State of Oregon would have relatively small impacts on the economy and would significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF EUGENE, A Municipal Corporation of the State of Oregon, as follows:

Section 1. The City Council requests that the Oregon State Legislature carefully craft legislation to impose a carbon pricing policy, in part relying on modeling described in the reports outlined in the above findings and the experience of British Columbia with special attention for mitigating adverse impacts on low income families.

Section 2. The City Council urges the Environmental Protection Agency to allow states the option of voluntarily using market based, economy-wide carbon pricing as an alternative compliance mechanism for the Clean Power Plan.

Section 3. A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Brown, Senators

Wyden and Merkley, Congressman DeFazio, and the City's local state legislative delegation. The City shall lobby in its support when appropriate.

Section 4. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution adopted on the 22 day of April, 2015.

Beth Louest

City Recorder