

THE CITY OF NEWPORT

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
COUNCIL
No.**

- WHEREAS: The State of Rhode Island has authorized municipalities, pursuant to Chapter 3, Section 1.2 of Title 39 of the General Laws of Rhode Island (the "Act"), to aggregate the retail electric load in their communities through the development and operation of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) programs; AND
- WHEREAS: this initiative aligns closely with Newport's Comprehensive Plan Goals EN-1 and EN-2, Policies ED-3.6, EN-1.2, EN-3.1, and EN-3.2, and Actions EN-1A, EN-1C, and EN-3B; AND
- WHEREAS: CCA programs offer the ability to provide cost stability and savings, both directly and through a more diverse and resilient energy system, and offers the advantages of joining with other municipalities and bargaining collectively with electric suppliers; AND
- WHEREAS: these savings can be invested to benefit program participants; AND
- WHEREAS: Newport's future faces an existential threat from climate change and sea-level rise; AND
- WHEREAS: the City of Newport is situated to benefit from working in conjunction with our sister communities, both from their experience and the potential of increasing our collective bulk purchasing power, AND
- WHEREAS: the City of Newport may review and consider the City of Providence's competitive bidding for CCA consulting services, including their Request for Proposals, responses received, and other information the City of Providence has made available; AND
- WHEREAS: other Rhode Island communities of Providence, Central Falls, South Kingstown and Barrington have enacted enabling

resolutions and are in the process of developing and approving CCA programs; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: that the City Council requests the City Administration to work with the Energy and Environment Commission to develop a plan to aggregate the retail electric loads within the City through a CCA program in accordance with the Act, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that the City Council requests the City Administration to work with the Energy and Environment Commission to develop, with substantial public outreach and education, an aggregation plan under which all eligible customers would be enrolled in the program unless such customers opt-out of the program consistent with the requirements of the Act, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that the plan shall detail how any savings achieved through the aggregation may be utilized to support reduced energy consumption, the use of ground-source heat pumps in buildings occupied year-round, and the generation of energy within the City of Newport to promote net metering and energy independence, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that the City Council requests the City Administration to work with the Energy and Environment Commission to seek outside consulting services as needed to assist the City in the creation and operation of an aggregation plan and CCA program, AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that the City Administration and the Energy and Environment Commission shall provide regular updates to the full City Council regarding the development and administration of the aggregation plan and CCA program, featuring a plan for public input and a public hearing before final approval.

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