

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF BASALT, COLORADO, ADOPTING
THE BASALT CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CAP) WHICH INCLUDES THE BASALT
ADDENDUM TO THE EAGLE COUNTY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AND THE
DOCUMENT TITLED “CLIMATE ACTION PLAN FOR THE EAGLE COUNTY
COMMUNITY”**

**Town of Basalt, Colorado
Resolution No. 06
Series of 2017**

RECITALS

WHEREAS, during the year 2016, a group of 30 stakeholders representing local governments, businesses, schools, and nonprofits from throughout Eagle County, collaboratively worked together to create a community-wide climate action plan titled “The Climate Action Plan for the Eagle County Community” to help guide greenhouse gas emission reductions into the future;

WHEREAS, the Town of Basalt desires to sign on to the Climate Action Plan for the Eagle County Community with an addendum to emphasize the Town’s highest priority actions to achieving greenhouse gas emissions reductions; and

WHEREAS, the new Climate Action Plan for the Eagle County Community and the Basalt addendum to that Plan recommends greenhouse gas reduction targets and actions that can be integrated with the Town of Basalt’s other plans and including but not limited to its work plans, the Town’s Master Plan update with its associated land use, housing, transportation, environmental sustainability, capital improvement plan and yearly budgets, and where each of these plans may include opportunities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Basalt recognizes that scientific evidence for warming of the earth’s climate system from human activities is unequivocal. Combustion of fossil fuels such as coal, petroleum and natural gas is increasing the concentration of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, pushing average global temperatures higher and changing our mountain ecosystems—making winters warmer and shorter, summers longer and hotter, and increasing the risks of wildfires, droughts and floods; and

WHEREAS, the county-wide 2014 Eagle County Energy Inventory identifies energy sources, uses, and emissions by sector. According to the Inventory, greenhouse gas emissions in the baseline year 2014 totaled 1.4 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO₂e), with 60% of the emissions from commercial uses and residential buildings, 27% from vehicles, 10% from landfill, and 3% from the airport. Community-wide energy costs for the year 2014 were totaled at \$243 million; and

WHEREAS, the Basalt Greenhouse Gas Inventory found the Basalt community generated approximately 63,239 metric tons of CO₂e in 2014 with a similar emissions distribution among commercial uses and residential buildings, vehicles, landfill, and the airport; and

WHEREAS, adopting the new Climate Action Plan for the Eagle County Community with the Basalt Addendum will help the Town of Basalt ensure a sustainable future by protecting the natural environment and recreational economy, reducing long-term financial expenses, creating more affordable solutions for residents and businesses, and supporting a new post carbon energy economy with less climate pollution and more clean renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, the first Climate Action Plan for the Eagle County Community includes: recommended greenhouse gas emission reduction targets of 25% by 2025 and a minimum of 80% by 2050, and recommended climate action goals and strategies by sector, and key recommendations for community leaders and decision makers to take proactive steps to reduce climate pollution and help create positive solutions for future generations.

WHEREAS, the Basalt Addendum includes: recommended greenhouse gas emission reduction targets of 25% by 2025 and a minimum of 80% by 2050, and identifies six strategies including adopting a goal of 100% clean energy, advocacy on regional, state, and national climate issues, enforcement of policy and code, making buildings more energy efficient, engaging the community, and assessing progress regularly, as recommended by the Basalt Green Team.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BASALT TOWN COUNCIL:

THAT, the Town of Basalt adopts the “Basalt Climate Action Plan (CAP) which includes both the two page Basalt Addendum to Eagle County’s Climate Action Plan and the document titled “Climate Action Plan for the Eagle County Community” as presented at the March 14, 2017 Council meeting.

THAT, the Basalt CAP pertains to land within the municipal boundaries of the Town of Basalt regardless of whether the land is in Pitkin County or Eagle County.

THAT, the Town of Basalt endeavors to meet the recommended greenhouse gas emission reduction targets through the six more specific items listed within its two page Addendum.

THAT, the Town of Basalt commits to consider allocating \$100,000 annually on projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

THAT, the Town of Basalt hereby finds, determines and declares that this Resolution is necessary for the public health, safety and welfare of the residents/constituents of the Town of Basalt.

READ AND ADOPTED by a vote of 7 to 0 on the 14th day of March, 2017.

TOWN OF BASALT, COLORADO

By: 

Jacques R. Whitsitt, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: 

Pamela K. Schilling, Clerk

