

Greening Fleets with Zero-Emission Vehicles: Example Ordinance

Snapshot: Local governments that operate their own vehicle fleets can help lead the adoption of zero-emission vehicles in their communities. One initial step to greening government fleets may include adopting a resolution expressing support of incorporating ZEVs into fleets. The following example is adapted from the Metropolitan Energy Center and Kansas City Regional Clean Cities Coalition [Electrify Heartland Plan](#).

Model Resolution to Convert Fleet Vehicles to Zero-Emission Vehicles

Whereas, the _____ (community) has established a strategic goal of enhancing and promoting environmental sustainability;

Whereas, zero-emission vehicles are considered clean fuel alternatives compared to clean diesel technologies;

Whereas, current projections are that _____ (electricity/hydrogen) will be a less costly fuel than diesel well into the future;

Whereas, conversion to zero-emission vehicles will require renovations to the fueling and maintenance areas of the vehicle maintenance complex, but even considering the cost of these renovations, the conversion is projected to result in cost savings to _____ (community);

Whereas, the _____ (community governing body) has carefully considered the implications of converting the community fleet to _____ (electricity/hydrogen) from diesel; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the _____ (community governing body) hereby directs _____ (community) management:

1. To begin the design and construction projects necessary to convert the vehicle maintenance complex to support charging or fueling of zero-emission vehicles;
2. To begin the procurement process for securing _____ (electricity/hydrogen) services, including but not limited to, long-range contracts;
3. To encourage management to determine the feasibility and cost effectiveness of using (plug-in electric/fuel cell electric) technologies in all _____ (community) vehicles;
4. Unless otherwise instructed or approved by the _____ (governing body), all future vehicle purchases shall be alternative fuel and should leverage the new _____ (charging/hydrogen) infrastructure as much as feasible;
5. Pursue federal grants and innovative funding options to expedite the conversion and maximize benefits to _____ (community); and
6. Promote partnership opportunities with other community fleet operators in the region and explore the possibility of a regional alternative fuels policy.

In witness whereof,

I have set my hand and the seal of the authority this _____ (date).

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