



East Hampton Town Board

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ADOPTED

Meeting: 10/07/21 02:00 PM

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RESOLUTION 2021-1110

Resolution to Electrify HVAC Systems in East Hampton Municipal Buildings

WHEREAS, the Town appointed an Energy Sustainability Committee on March 21, 2013, to review and advise the Town Board on policies, programs, and issues promoting energy efficiency and environmental sustainability in the Town of East Hampton; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board adopted a goal to meet the equivalent of 100 percent of annual, economy wide energy consumption such as electricity, heating, and transportation with renewable energy sources by the year 2030; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board adopted a Climate Emergency Declaration in March 2021 which commits the Town to make climate mitigation and the elimination of greenhouse gas emissions a guiding principle and objective of all municipal operations; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) reports that 30 percent of the State's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions come from on-site fossil fuel combustion to heat buildings, and the Town recognizes the importance of reducing GHG emissions; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are well positioned to lead by example in the transition away from fossil fuels while still meeting the HVAC needs of municipal buildings through the installations of electric heat pumps, whether air sourced or geothermal, as the electrification of buildings is a goal being pursued by climate-conscious municipalities nationwide, and is supported by local and state agencies through programs and funding opportunities to assist in the transition; and

WHEREAS, other local municipalities have taken steps to reduce GHG emissions by installing heat pumps for heating and cooling municipal buildings; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town Board will instate an HVAC system electrification policy to ensure the timely transition of HVAC systems away from fossil fuels in existing municipal buildings, as well as incorporate electric HVAC systems into the design of all future municipal buildings, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Town will pursue, for the emergency or planned replacement of HVAC systems in existing municipal buildings, electric heat pump equipment rather than fossil fuel fired equipment to the greatest extent possible, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Town will engage with engineers when necessary, to plan for the replacement of all existing HVAC systems with electric heat pump systems in existing municipal buildings and the inclusion of electric heat pump systems in the design of all new municipal buildings.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kathee Burke-Gonzalez, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	David Lys, Councilman
AYES:	Kathee Burke-Gonzalez, David Lys, Jeffrey Bragman, Peter Van Scoyoc
EXCUSED:	Sylvia Overby