

RESOLUTION R-2018- 99

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS SUPPORTING THE CITY OF BASTROP'S PARTICIPATION IN THE 2019-2023 AUSTIN-ROUND ROCK METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA) REGIONAL AIR QUALITY PLAN; AUTHORIZING CITY MANAGER TO IDENTIFY MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT IN SUPPORT OF THE NEW REGIONAL AIR QUALITY PLAN AND NOTIFY CAPITAL AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT (CAPCOG) BY OCTOBER 26, 2018; PROVIDING FOR A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Austin-Round Rock Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), which consists of Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson Counties, has air pollution levels that are close to violating the federal standards for ground-level ozone (O₃); and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets federal air quality standards at levels it considers necessary to protect human health and public welfare from harm; and

WHEREAS, the Austin-Round Rock MSA's continued compliance with federal air quality standards is important to ensure public health, protect economic growth, and address the region's transportation needs;

WHEREAS, the Austin-Round Rock MSA's air pollution regularly reaches levels that the EPA considers "moderate" or "unhealthy for sensitive groups" based on its air quality index (AQI); and

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition (CAC), of which the City of Bastrop is a member, is charged with the development and implementation of a clean air plan to maintain compliance with federal air quality standards and the development of policies and strategies to guide CAC members about actions that will achieve clean air in Texas; and

WHEREAS, the region's current air quality plan is set to expire at the end of 2018; and

WHEREAS, the CAC has requested that the City of Bastrop take action to formally participate in a new regional air quality plan for 2019-2023; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the new regional air quality plan are to: 1) maximize the probability of compliance with federal air quality standards, and 2) minimize health and environmental impacts associated with regional air pollution; and

WHEREAS, controlling and reducing emissions of nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and improving public awareness about air quality are critical to supporting the goals of the new regional air quality plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BASTROP, TEXAS:

Section 1: The City of Bastrop endorses the goals of the new regional air quality plan and agrees to participate in the plan; and


Section 2: The City Manager is directed to identify measures that the City of Bastrop commits to implement in support of the new regional air quality plan and notify the staff at the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) of these measures no later than October 26, 2018, and to subsequently report on implementation of these measures annually to CAPCOG and this governing body.

Section 3. All orders, ordinances, and resolutions, or parts thereof, which are in conflict or inconsistent with any provision of this Resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict, and the provisions of this Resolution shall be and remain controlling as to the matters resolved herein.

Section 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately from and after its passage, and it is duly resolved.

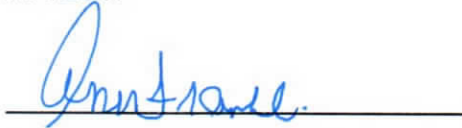
DULY RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Bastrop this 25th day of September 2018.

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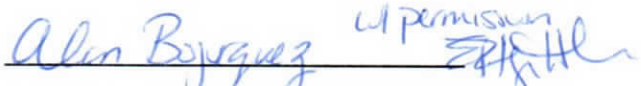
Connie B. Schroeder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ann Franklin, City Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Alan Bojorquez, City Attorney

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