

RESOLUTION No. 215806

R. 76-2149

Adopted on APR 21 1976

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of The City of San Diego as follows:

That Council Policy No. 900-2 entitled "Energy Conservation," be and the same is hereby established as set forth in the form of Council Policy filed in the office of the City Clerk as Document No. 755032.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be and he is hereby instructed to add the aforesaid to the Council Policy Manual.

APPROVED: JOHN W. WITT, City Attorney

By 

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Senior Chief Deputy

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BACKGROUND

Prior to 1973, citizens of the City of San Diego enjoyed the luxury of plentiful and inexpensive energy supplies. However, since then our dependence on foreign energy supplies has grown while the assurance of meeting our needs for energy has diminished. It has therefore become increasingly important to optimize the use of our existing supplies of energy as well as to seek alternate energy sources.

PURPOSE

The citizens of the City of San Diego require an adequate and reliable supply of energy. Shortages of energy, such as have been experienced recently, will undoubtedly be repeated in the future and may become more severe. Such shortages negatively affect the local economy and hamper the delivery of essential public services. It is therefore necessary that guidelines for the conservation of energy be established by the City, within the areas of its authority, so that optimum use is made of available energy supplies.

POLICY

The extent of the City's impact on energy conservation varies with the degree of its authority in specific areas of energy consumption. The policy of the City in these areas is as follows:

A. City Operations

1. Purchasing

It is the policy of the City that in the purchase of equipment and materials, the long-range potential for energy savings shall be evaluated in addition to the initial cost.

2. Construction

It is the policy of the City that design and specifications for public facilities be evaluated and selected on the basis of total lifetime costs of construction and operation and that such specifications be reviewed continually so that the most current energy conservation techniques, materials, and appliances are utilized in their construction.

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3. Building Maintenance and Operation

It is the policy of the City that all its buildings will be maintained and operated in such a fashion that the minimum amounts of energy are consumed. Buildings should not be heated above 68 degrees F, nor cooled to reduce the temperature therein below 78 degrees F.

4. Vehicles

It is the policy of the City to utilize vehicles which consume the least amount of energy for the nature of work they are to perform, and to maintain and operate these vehicles in such a manner as to insure maximum energy conserving performance. Wherever possible, City employees will utilize alternate modes (i.e. telephone, mail, etc.) in lieu of vehicles in the performance of their work.

5. Solid Waste Management

It is the policy of the City to actively promote solid waste energy conversion systems, and to evaluate alternatives in terms of lifetime net energy costs and benefits.

6. Innovative Projects

It is the policy of the City to pursue the innovative application of new non-depleting energy sources including but not limited to solar energy, sewage sludge gas, wastewater outfall, and pumped storage sites in the provision of its regular municipal functions.

7. Energy Budgeting

Energy budgets shall be established for all major City activities so that the levels of service prescribed by the Council are carried out with the highest level of energy efficiency. Standards of energy consumption shall be developed for each activity, and based upon these standards budgets prepared which detail the quantity of energy available to carry out each activity.

8. Off-Peak Use

It is the policy of the City to maximize its proportionate off-peak hour use of gas and electricity and to encourage and promote the adoption of off-peak rates by the utility company.

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B. City Regulated

1. Urban Development

It is the policy of the City to foster patterns of urban development that minimize vehicular travel generated without significantly impairing the City's ability to function, or the quality of life presently experienced by residents and visitors.

2. Transportation

It is the policy of the City that programs be developed in cooperation with other governmental agencies, as well as the private sector, that will provide safe and energy-efficient transportation within the San Diego region. These programs shall consist of but not be limited to the following:

- a) Transit development programs
- b) Carpool programs
- c) Non-motorized transportation programs
- d) Traffic signal coordination programs
- e) Elimination of energy consuming traffic flow restrictions
- f) Application of innovative traffic operation techniques
- g) Reduction in street lighting energy consumption without detrimentally affecting public safety

3. Building Code Revisions

It is the policy of the City to continually evaluate and update the Building Code so that the most current energy conservation techniques, materials and appliances are utilized in the construction of buildings by the private sector, keeping in mind the goal of providing housing at the lowest possible cost of construction and operation.

4. Redevelopment Areas

It is the policy of the City to require master plans for redevelopment areas which combine urban design, land use, and energy delivery elements in patterns which will yield optimal long-term results in terms of utility, beauty, and conservation of energy.

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C. Indirect Influence

1. Legislation

It is the policy of the City to support State and Federal legislation to conserve energy, while at the same time attempting to preserve the quality of life of the citizens of the City. Also, it is the policy of the City to support legislation which would grant property tax relief on and income tax incentives for installations of solar energy heating/cooling equipment, windmills, and other devices which use non-depleting energy sources.

2. Lighting on Private Property

a) Signs

It is the policy of the City to encourage the moderate use of sign illumination.

b) Ornamental

It is the policy of the City to encourage reduced use of ornamental lighting.

3. Heating and Cooling

It is the policy of the City to urge citizens not to heat homes or buildings above 68 degrees F, nor to provide cooling to reduce temperature therein below 78 degrees F, except where other temperatures are necessary for health or safety reasons.

4. Automobiles

It is the policy of the City to encourage its citizens to limit the non-essential use of automobiles and to use mass transit or other forms of energy-efficient transportation whenever possible. In lieu of vehicles, alternate modes (i.e. telephone, mail, etc.) should also be considered.

5. Lending Institutions and Developers

It is the policy of the City to encourage lending institutions and developers to promote the construction of energy efficient buildings. They shall be encouraged to evaluate building design alternatives in terms of total costs of building operation (including heating, cooling, lighting, elevators, etc.) over the entire period of construction loan amortization.

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6. Building Design

It is the policy of the City to encourage and promote the design of individual buildings and groups of buildings (i.e. residential, commercial, and industrial developments) so as to optimize the use of the sun, shadow, and wind and minimize dependence upon mechanical heating and cooling devices.

D. Public Education

It is the policy of the City to actively promote the dissemination of energy conservation information to the citizens of the City as well as to provide incentives to encourage implementation of energy saving programs.

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 by the following vote:

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AUTHENTICATED BY:

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EDWARD NIELSEN
 City Clerk of The City of San Diego, California.

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