

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
SAN JOSE APPROVING A NEW COUNCIL POLICY NO.
8-15 ENTITLED “NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE
FOR NEW MUNICIPAL FACILITIES”**

WHEREAS, the City of San José (“City”) is committed to innovation in environmental and sustainability leadership; and

WHEREAS, in February 2018, City Council adopted Climate Smart San José which sets aggressive goals for electrical vehicle adoption, solar installation, and zero net energy/carbon buildings; and

WHEREAS, in February 2018, the City was awarded the largest environmental grant in the City’s history through the American Cities Climate Challenge (ACCC) facilitating the required work to rapidly reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2019, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 79251 declaring a Climate Emergency within the City; and

WHEREAS, electrifying buildings supports the goals of Climate Smart San José;

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to establish a new City Council Policy No. 8-15 entitled “Natural Gas Infrastructure for Municipal Facilities” to create consistent practices for the construction and electrification of future municipal facilities;

WHEREAS, this action is categorically exempt from environmental review, per the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as amended, 14

California Code of Regulations Section 15308, and Title 21 of the San José Municipal Code, under File Number PP19-067;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE THAT:

A new Council Policy 8-15 entitled "Natural Gas Infrastructure for Municipal Facilities", attached hereto as Exhibit "A" and incorporated herein by this reference, is hereby approved.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

DISQUALIFIED:

SAM LICCARDO
Mayor

ATTEST:

TONI J. TABER, CMC
City Clerk

EXHIBIT “A”

City of San José, California

COUNCIL POLICY

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BACKGROUND

In February 2018, the City adopted Climate Smart San Jose which sets aggressive goals around electric vehicle adoption, solar installation, and zero net energy/carbon buildings. Municipal construction presents an opportunity for the City to incorporate these goals into its new building inventory.

PURPOSE

This policy establishes leadership in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and global climate change by requiring all new municipal facilities to be constructed without natural gas infrastructure such as pipes, meters, appliances, and equipment. This policy supplements the City’s existing Green Building Policy 8-13.

POLICY

All new municipal buildings will be designed and constructed without provisions for natural gas piping infrastructure. Exceptions to this policy are listed below. Project-specific exceptions to this Policy may be approved by the City Council.

All existing buildings that undergo major renovation, retrofit, or remodel will be evaluated for the elimination of natural gas infrastructure during the scoping and preliminary design process, with the goal of eliminating natural gas infrastructure where feasible, as determined by the Director of Public Works.

Exceptions to this Policy:

- Emergency or backup power equipment that is used in the event of power outages.
- Microgrids that provide energy resiliency in anticipation of extended blackouts or de-energization of the grid.

Exhibit A-1

City of San José, California

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- City corporation yards and the Police Substation where vehicle fueling takes place
- Norman Y. Mineta San Jose International Airport Central Utilities Plant, commercial concessions, and facilities that process, transport or store aviation and/or vehicle fuel.
- San Jose – Santa Clara Regional Wastewater Facility which relies on blended biogas/natural gas to operate.

Exhibit A-2

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