



CLIMATE ACTION KC 2022 RECOMMENDED MUNICIPAL POLICY ACTIONS

Climate change presents an increasing threat to our way of life, directly or indirectly affecting the health, safety, and prosperity of all citizens in (city). Our ongoing climate emergency demands immediate and universal action from every level of government, including municipalities. In conjunction with the recently released regional [Climate Action Plan](#) (CAP), the Climate Action Playbook, and a recommendation for cities to first adopt the Climate Action Plan Resolution, Climate Action KC recommends the following actions for municipalities to consider in their 2022 policy priorities:

Energy

- We support cities' efforts to adopt solar-ready and EV-ready ordinances.
- We support the adoption of energy-benchmarking ordinances.
- We encourage cities to explore the adoption of the [2021 International Energy Conservation Code](#).
- We support cities requiring energy disclosure (including energy/utility cost) at the time of sale/rent of a building.
- We support measures to link economic incentives to building performance.
- We encourage on-site/community renewable energy generation.
- We encourage cities to analyze on-site/community/RD to choose the route of expanded renewable energy options”
- We support utility scale renewable energy development.
- We encourage municipalities to sign on to [Eversource's Renewable Direct Program](#), in order to offset city-wide energy through renewable sources of energy.
- We support reducing greenhouse gas emissions from institutional, commercial, and government purchasing.
- Support for home and commercial energy audits
- Participation in [KCC FCIP](#) and/or comparable Missouri program

Transportation, Land Use and Housing

- We support the revision of outdated zoning codes to allow for and encourage

accessory dwelling units (ADUs) when practicable, parking maximums and shared parking, housing unit size, height, and setbacks. In addition, elimination of parking minimums.

- We support the revision of zoning and/or other policies to create transit-supportive environments around existing and planned transit.
- We support the electrification of city fleets and investment/installation of EV charging stations throughout the city.
- We support city-wide Complete Streets and Bike Plan ordinances.
- We encourage cities to educate, partner, and fund residential weatherization programs.
- We encourage cities to engage and prioritize low-income and communities of color in connection to CAP strategies.

Greening and Infrastructure

- We support the restoration of environmentally degraded land. This includes investing in greening public spaces, removal of invasive plant species, planting of native plant species, and incentivizing the planting of trees to encourage the added value of cooling our cities through vegetation to combat our urban heat island effect.
- We support the investment in green streets and green infrastructure.
- We support the adoption of tree, native landscaping and strengthened stream buffer ordinances.
- We support cities' efforts to plan for resiliency and adaptation.
- We encourage cities to identify land within the jurisdiction that can be used as additional carbon sinks, including urban forest, community gardens, native pollinator/rain gardens, and/or greenspace.

Food Systems and Solid Waste

- We support the development of strategies/policies to enable recycling in multi-family residential buildings.
- We support the development of policies to enable organics collection and marketing of compost.
- We support zero waste goals and updating purchasing policies to include specifications for materials reuse, durability, packaging, embodied energy, recycled content and locally manufactured products.
- We support the amendment of agricultural zoning to include smaller acreages used for agriculture/food production.
- We support the expansion of urban farms in order to assist with food deserts.
- We support policy efforts on waste capture for a holistic approach to greenhouse gas emission reduction.

Governance and Leadership

- Use of ARPA funds for climate related projects
- Creation of a climate-focused citizen advisory committee/commission
- Work to adopt a citywide carbon reduction goal, municipal carbon reduction goal, citywide energy efficiency ordinance, citywide water conservation goal, citywide water conservation ordinance, related incentives and/or financing assistance.