

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK, MARYLAND

**Resolution 2015-R-13**

**TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK SMART ENERGY POLICY**

**A POLICY DECLARING THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK'S INTENT TO TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN REDUCING ELECTRICITY CONSUMPTION WITHIN THE TOWN, PARTNERING WITH THE MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION, AND ENROLLING AS A MARYLAND SMART ENERGY COMMUNITY.**

**Introduced by: CM Alan Thompson**

**Date Introduced: 10/5/15**

**Date Adopted: 10/5/15**

**Date Effective: 10/5/15**

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**WHEREAS**, by adhering to the Maryland Energy Administration's Smart Energy Communities Program the Town of Riverdale Park has committed to being a socially responsible leader by decreasing its electricity consumption; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town recognizes that smart investing in energy efficiency can have significant monetary savings in the long term;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE RIVERDALE PARK TOWN COUNCIL ESTABLISHES THIS SMART ENERGY POLICY FOR THE TOWN.**

**Section 1: PURPOSE.** The purpose of this policy is:

- To become a Maryland Smart Energy Community by enrolling within the program and following the instructions provided by the State of Maryland.
- To establish the goal of reducing per-square-foot electricity consumption by 15 percent relative to the baseline within 5 years of the baseline year.
- To report electricity consumption and progress towards the goal annually to the Maryland Energy Administration in order to assure that the Town accomplishes these goals in a timely fashion.

**Section 2: DEFINITIONS.** For the purpose of this policy, the following terms shall have the meaning given:

- a) *Electricity Consumption* – The amount of kilowatt-hours (kWhs) consumed by the Town on an annual basis including electricity generated and consumed on-site and electricity purchased from a utility.
- b) *Building Space* – The amount of gross square feet (GSF) of building space owned by the Town AND for which electricity is paid by the Town.
- c) *Per-square-foot-electricity consumption* – Electricity consumption (in kWhs) divided by building space (in GSF) calculated on an annual basis.
- d) *Baseline* – Per-square-foot-electricity consumption (kWhs/GSF) in a pre-determined baseline year. This baseline consumption may include streetlights, but must include all buildings.
- e) *Baseline Year* – The 12-month period selected by the Town as the baseline. For purposes of this policy the baseline year is January through December, 2015.
- f) *Town* – The Town of Riverdale Park.

### **Section 3: BASELINE DOCUMENTATION**

The baseline including data related to the specific time period, electricity consumption, building size, and results will be completed by November 2, 2015 and can be found as an appendix to later be attached to this policy titled, “MSEC\_Baseline - Town of Riverdale Park”.

### **Section 4: GUIDELINES**

The Town will maintain an annual electricity consumption inventory for all Town-owned buildings and other entities captured in the initial baseline. This annual inventory will be conducted using Energy Star Portfolio Manager or similar tool.

#### ***Plans and Implementation***

The Town will additionally establish an Energy Reduction Plan. The Plan will outline the process and include a timetable of execution by which the Town will accomplish designated tasks in order to reach its goal. The Town will endeavor to implement the necessary projects laid out in its Energy Reduction Plan in order to meet the energy reduction goal outlined in this policy.

#### ***Questions/Enforcement***

All inquiries should be directed to the person responsible for implementing this policy. The Town Administrator and/or the Administrator’s designee will implement this policy.

***Applicability***

This policy applies to all departments of the Town with the exception of the exclusions outlined in the definitions above.

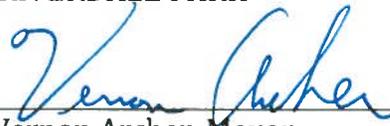
**Section 5: EFFECTIVE DATE**

This policy shall be effective immediately upon its approval by Resolution of the Riverdale Park Town Council.

ATTEST:

  
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Sara Imhulse, Town Administrator

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Vernon Archer, Mayor

**APPENDIX**

**MSEC\_Baseline - Town of Riverdale Park**