

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK, MARYLAND

Resolution 2015-R-14

**TOWN OF RIVERDALE PARK TRANSPORTATION PETROLEUM REDUCTION
POLICY**

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

Introduced by: CM Alan Thompson

Date Introduced: 10/5/15

Date Adopted: 10/5/15

Date Effective: 10/5/15

WHEREAS, by adhering to the Maryland Energy Administration's Smart Energy Community Program the Town of Riverdale Park has committed to being a socially responsible leader by reducing its local impact by better managing its transportation petroleum consumption; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Riverdale Park recognizes that by smartly investing in alternative transportation uses, it can have significant monetary savings and create environmental benefits.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE RIVERDALE PARK TOWN COUNCIL ESTABLISHES THIS TRANSPORTATION PETROLEUM REDUCTION POLICY FOR THE TOWN.

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

- To become a Maryland Energy Administration Smart Energy Community by enrolling within the program and following the instructions provided by the State of Maryland.
- To reduce on-road vehicle petroleum consumption by The Town's fleet vehicles by 20% within five years of the established baseline year.
- To report petroleum consumption and reduction progress 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) Fleet Vehicles – A vehicle designed to legally carry people or cargo on public roads and/or highways owned or leased by (COMMUNITY NAME). Such vehicles include, but are not limited to: buses, cars, trucks, and vans. This would not include motor driven vehicles not approved for use on the road, such as lawnmowers, forklifts, or marine vehicles.
- b) Petroleum – Gasoline and diesel fuel used for on-road fleet vehicle consumption.
- c) Gallons of Gasoline Equivalent (GGE) – A conversion factor for equating different fuel sources to gasoline, for example, one gallon of gasoline is equal to 1.13 gallons of diesel.
- d) Baseline – Measurement of gallons of gasoline, diesel, and other fuels consumed by all fleet vehicles in the baseline year.
- 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) Petroleum Consumption Reduction Plan – A plan that provides details on the current fleet vehicle petroleum consumption, characteristics of the fleet including the make, model, year, purchase date, fuel type used, gallons consumed, and miles driven, estimates the required amount of petroleum needed to meet the minimum of a 20 percent reduction, and designs plans with detailed measures and timetables for reaching the reduction goal within five years.
- g) Town – The Town of Riverdale Park.

Section 3: BASELINE DOCUMENTATION

The baseline including data related to the specific time period, fuel consumption, vehicle specs, and results will be completed by November 2, 2015 and can be found as an appendix to later be attached to this document titled, "MSEC_Fleet_Baseline Town of Riverdale Park".

Section 4: GUIDELINES

The Town will maintain an annual petroleum consumption inventory for all local-government-owned vehicles and contracted-service vehicles. This annual inventory will include at a minimum the information presented in the table below.

Plans and Implementation

The Town will establish a Petroleum Consumption 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 update and amend the Petroleum Consumption Reduction Plan on an on-going basis when necessary in order to meet the policy goals in the most efficient cost effective manner.

Finally, the city will implement the necessary projects laid out in the Petroleum Consumption Reduction Plan in order to ensure that a minimum of 20 percent reduction of the Town government's petroleum consumption is met within five years of the established baseline.

Questions/Enforcement

All inquiries should be directed to the person responsible for implementing this policy. The designee will implement 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.

Section 5: EFFECTIVE DATE

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

ATTEST:

COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF
RIVERDALE PARK



Sara Imhulse, Town Administrator



Vernon Archer, Mayor

