

CITY COMMISSION POLICY

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Subject: A Comprehensive Area Energy Policy
Section E-1, Conservation Principles and Practices
Section E-2, Alternate and Renewable Resources;
Environmental Issues
Section E-3, Transportation and Fossil Fuel Needs

It is policy of the City Commission of the City of Wichita to respond in a positive manner to the present and future energy requirements of this community and act to ameliorate the effects of increasing energy costs and energy shortages through adoption of specific energy plans of action.

Objectives

The City of Wichita will:

1. Develop and promote the effective use of energy in the city and discourage all forms of energy waste.
2. Maintain an active role in developing and instituting energy management programs aimed at promoting energy conservation; include energy considerations in all planning and properly utilize and manage energy resources used within City departments.
3. Include the full participation of citizens in the development and implementation of energy programs.
4. Consider in its decisions the energy needs of all classifications of users of each economic sector, including residential and commercial, industrial, transportation and electrical generation facilities, and governmental uses.
5. Promote energy education and the public dissemination of information on energy and its environmental, economic and social impacts.
6. Encourage the research, development, demonstration and application of alternate energy resources, particularly renewable resources.
7. Consider in its decision-making the social, economic and environmental impacts of energy-related activities so that detrimental effects of these activities are understood and minimized.
8. Develop and maintain energy emergency preparedness plans to minimize the effects of an energy shortage within the city.

Procedure

The following procedures are available to accomplish the objectives:

1. Encouraging the optimum utilization of all alternate and conventional energy sources so that an adequate, flexible and reliable supply of energy for the City of Wichita can be achieved.
2. Ensuring and maintaining the efficient utilization of energy in all municipal operations.
3. Providing the public with information and education concerning the proper use of energy.

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4. Utilizing the City's authority to legislate and ability to influence legislation and regulation at other levels of government to assure efficient use of energy.
5. Promoting and encouraging the use of financial incentives to assist in the conservation of energy and/or application of alternative energy sources.
6. Promoting the utilization of alternate energy sources as completely as practical.
7. Providing a structure so that the community will be assured an adequate transportation system, including public and private alternatives.
8. Recognizing and accepting that impacts on the environment will be a consideration in all energy decisions.

The Plan

The Comprehensive Area Energy Policy (attached) is presented in three Sections, each addressing separate and major energy-related matters. Each section is subdivided, identifying four categories of Plans of Action to be considered and implemented. These subsections are entitled: a. Awareness Programs; b. City Operations Directives; c. Private Sector Responsibilities; and d. Regulatory Measures. Each of these actions may require individual adoption, initiation, implementation and/or promulgation.

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PLANS OF ACTION

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