

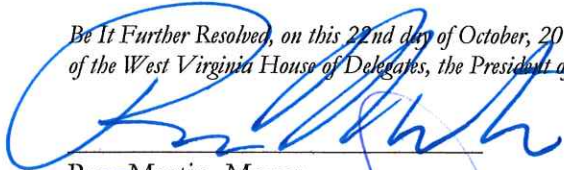


Resolution Supporting the Legalization of On-site Power Purchase Agreements for Renewable Energy Facilities in West Virginia

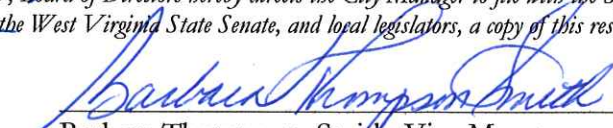
- Whereas,** The City of Bluefield supports cost-effective investments in renewable and efficient energy technologies; and
- Whereas,** On-site Power Purchase Agreements would allow municipalities and other tax-exempt entities to acquire renewable energy cost effectively; and
- Whereas,** On-site Power Purchase Agreements are currently available in at least 28 states, including Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Virginia; and
- Whereas,* *On-site Power Purchase Agreements allow customers to lock in electricity rates and protect against utility rate increases; and*
- Whereas,* *The US Department of Labor lists solar PV installer as the fastest growing occupation in the nation; and*
- Whereas,* *On-site Power Purchase Agreements would therefore expand job creation in West Virginia; and*
- Whereas,* *More than 180 major corporations have made corporate commitments to use 100 % renewable energy; and*
- Whereas,* *The lack of renewable energy in West Virginia hinders our ability to attract these corporations and the jobs they would bring to our state; and*
- Whereas,* *Legislation is needed to authorize the use of on-site Power Purchase Agreements for renewable energy facilities in West Virginia; and*
- Whereas,* *Legislation authorizing on-site Power Purchase Agreements for renewable energy facilities would help municipalities lower costs and save money for taxpayers;*

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the City of Bluefield supports legislation authorizing on-site Power Purchase Agreements for renewable energy facilities in West Virginia; and

Be It Further Resolved, on this 22nd day of October, 2019, Board of Directors hereby directs the City Manager to file with the Speaker of the West Virginia House of Delegates, the President of the West Virginia State Senate, and local legislators, a copy of this resolution.



Ron Martin, Mayor



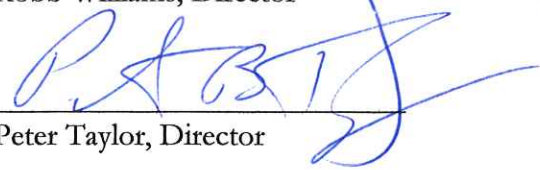
Barbara Thompson- Smith, Vice Mayor



Robb Williams, Director



Matt Knowles, Director



Peter Taylor, Director



Attest: City Clerk Bobbi Kersey