

Council Business Meeting

August 6, 2019

Agenda Item	A Resolution Urging the United States Congress to Enact the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act Of 2019	
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SUMMARY

This Resolution has been forwarded by Councilor Graham.

POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED

Address climate change

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION

None

FISCAL IMPACTS

For the organization of the City of Ashland, it is unknown at this time.

ACTIONS, OPTIONS & POTENTIAL MOTIONS

I move to approve Resolution No. 2019-25 and direct the City Administrator to forward the adopted Resolution to those referenced in the Resolution.

I move to approve the amended the Resolution changed in the following way(s) . . .

ATTACHMENT

Attachment 1: Resolution 2019-25; A Resolution Urging the United States Congress to Enact the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019

1 national, revenue-neutral carbon fee starting at a relatively low rate of \$15 per ton of CO2
2 equivalent emissions and resulting in equal charges per ton of CO2 equivalent emissions
3 potential in each type of fuel or greenhouse gas should be assessed to begin to lower what are
4 now dangerously high CO2 emissions. The yearly increase in carbon fees including other
5 greenhouse gases, shall be at least \$10 per ton of CO2 equivalent each year, with the Department
6 of Energy determining whether an increase larger than \$10 per ton per year is needed to achieve
7 program goals; and

8 **Whereas**, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019, H.R. 763, specifies that, in
9 order to protect low and middle income citizens from the economic impact of rising prices due to
10 the carbon fee, equal monthly per-person dividend payments shall be made to all American
11 households (½ payment per child under 19 years old) each month from the fossil fuel fees
12 collected. The total value of all monthly dividend payments shall represent 100% of the net
13 carbon fees collected per month; and

14 **Whereas**, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019, H.R. 763, encourages
15 market-driven innovation of clean energy technologies and market efficiencies which will reduce
16 harmful pollution and leave a healthier, more stable, and more prosperous nation for future
17 generations; and

18 **Whereas**, the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019, H.R. 763, will, after 12
19 years, lead to a decrease in America’s CO2 emissions of 40 percent and an increase in national
20 employment of 2.1 million jobs; and

21 **Whereas**, border adjustments - carbon content-based tariffs on products imported from countries
22 without comparable carbon pricing, and refunds to our exporters of carbon fees paid - can
23 maintain the competitiveness of U.S. businesses in global markets; and

24 **Whereas**, a national carbon fee can be implemented quickly and efficiently, and will respond to
25 the urgency of the climate crisis because the federal government already has in place
26 mechanisms, such as the Internal Revenue Service, needed to implement and enforce the fee, and
27 already collects fees from fossil fuel producers and importers; and

28 **Whereas**, a national revenue-neutral carbon fee would make the United States a leader in
29 mitigating climate change and in the clean energy technologies of the 21st century and would
30 provide incentive to other countries to enact similar carbon fees, reducing global CO2 emissions

1 without the need for complex international agreements.

2 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, OREGON,**
3 **RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

4 Section 1. The City Council of the City of Ashland, Oregon, urges the United States Congress to
5 enact without delay the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act of 2019, H.R. 763.

6 Section 2. The City Administrator, no later than thirty (30) days after passage of this Resolution
7 No. 2019-25, shall transmit, or cause to be transmitted, copies of this resolution to the President
8 and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the
9 Majority Leader of the Senate, to each U.S. Senator and Representative from the State of Oregon
10 in the Congress of the United States, and to nearby city and county governments urging that they
11 pass similar resolutions.

12 Section 3. This resolution is effective upon adoption.

13 This resolution was duly PASSED and ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2019, and takes
14 effect upon signing by the Mayor.

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Melissa Huhtala, City Recorder

18 SIGNED and APPROVED this ____ day of _____, 2019.

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22 John Stromberg, Mayor

23 Reviewed as to form:

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David Lohman, City Attorney