

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE,
TEXAS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2019-2023 AUSTIN-
ROUND ROCK MSA REGIONAL AIR QUALITY
PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Austin-Round Rock Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA), which consists of Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, and Williamson Counties, has air pollution levels that are close to violating the federal standards for ground-level ozone (O₃); and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets federal air quality standards at levels it considers necessary to protect human health and public welfare from harm; and

WHEREAS, the Austin-Round Rock MSA's continued compliance with federal air quality standards is important to ensure public health, protect economic growth, and address the region's transportation needs;

WHEREAS, the Austin-Round Rock MSA's air pollution regularly reaches levels that the EPA considers "moderate" or "unhealthy for sensitive groups" based on its air quality index (AQI); and

WHEREAS, the Central Texas Clean Air Coalition (CAC), of which [organization] is a member, is charged with the development and implementation of a clean air plan to maintain compliance with federal air quality standards and the development of policies and strategies to guide CAC members about actions that will achieve clean air in Texas; and

WHEREAS, the region's current air quality plan is set to expire at the end of 2018; and

WHEREAS, the CAC has requested that the City of Pflugerville take action to formally participate in a new regional air quality plan for 2019-2023; and

WHEREAS, the goals of the new regional air quality plan are to: 1) maximize the probability of compliance with federal air quality standards, and 2) minimize health and environmental impacts associated with regional air pollution; and

WHEREAS, controlling and reducing emissions of nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and improving public awareness about air quality are critical to supporting the goals of the new regional air quality plan;

WHEREAS, the Capital Area Council of Governments (CAPCOG) air quality program has identified a number of recommended measures for all CAC members to consider implementing; and

WHEREAS, City of Pflugerville staff have evaluated options for implementing measures supportive of the region's air quality goals and selected measures that Pflugerville is willing to commit to implement as part of the region's air quality plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY CITY OF PFLUGERVILLE CITY COUNCIL, THAT:

The City of Pflugerville endorses the goals of the new regional air quality plan and agrees to participate in the plan; and

The City of Pflugerville specifically commits to implement the following "Tier 1" measures that have been recommended for all CAC members by CAPCOG:

- Educating employees about regional air quality and encouraging them to sign up for daily air quality forecasts and Ozone Action Day alerts
- Where feasible, encourage employees to telecommute at least once a week and on all Ozone Action Days;
- When employees are not telecommuting, encourage them to take low-emission modes of transportation, such as carpooling, vanpooling, biking, and walking;
- Where flexible schedules are allowed, encourage employees to consider work schedules with start times earlier than 8 am rather than later in the morning due to the higher impact of emissions on O₃ levels later in the morning;
- Conserve energy, particularly on Ozone Action Days;
- Establish and enforce idling restriction policies for use of Pflugerville’s vehicles, equipment, and property;
- Establish fleet management policies that prioritize the use of vehicles and equipment with low NO_x rates;
- Educate fleet users on driving and equipment operation practices that can reduce NO_x emissions;
- Reschedule discretionary emission-generating activities such as engine testing and refueling to late afternoon rather than the morning, particularly on Ozone Action Days;
- Seek funding to accelerate replacement of older, higher-emitting vehicles and equipment with newer, cleaner vehicles and equipment, such as Texas Emission Reduction Plan (TERP) grants

Pflugerville also commits to evaluate the following “Tier 2” measures identified by CAPCOG staff:

- Establish low-NO_x purchasing policies for new on-road vehicles, non-road equipment, and stationary equipment
- Establish “green” contracting policies to encourage the use of low-NO_x vehicles and equipment and avoid the use of engines during the morning on Ozone Action Days
- Purchase higher-grade gasoline with lower sulfur content in August and September
- Provide incentives to employees to avoid single-occupancy vehicle commuting, particularly on Ozone Action Days
- Optimize combustion and pollution controls for NO_x reductions, particularly on Ozone Action Days
- Enforce vehicle idling restrictions within the community

In addition, Pflugerville plans to also implement the following measures in support of the region’s air quality plan:

- Use appropriate means of communications with employees and general population on Ozone Action Days to promote proactive response
- Establish Fleet Management Plan, Policies and Procedures that incorporate air quality management measures

The City Manager is directed to implement these and any other measures deemed appropriate in support of the new regional air quality plan and to report on implementation of these and measures supportive of the region's air quality goals annually to CAPCOG and this governing body.

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