

# City of Keene "Green Fleets" Resolution

City of Keene, New Hampshire

## A RESOLUTION

directing the establishment of a fleet operation policy aimed at creating and maintaining a fuel-efficient, environmentally- and energy-responsible fleet.

WHEREAS, the City's fleet numbers over 130 vehicles; and

WHEREAS, public agencies and departments in the City of Keene operate vehicle fleets that account for about 15% percent of the City's total greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the City routinely replaces fleet vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the City of Keene recognizes that by improving the energy efficiency of its fleets, savings may result in the long term; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor, City Council, and city staff have publicly committed support for the City of Keene's Climate Protection Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Keene recognizes that energy use associated with the operation of its motor vehicle fleets exacerbates local air quality problems and results in greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global climate change; and

WHEREAS, the City of Keene recognizes that its departments, and divisions play a partial role in improving local air quality and reducing greenhouse gas emissions by improving the energy efficiency of its fleets and reducing emissions from fleet operations, and that encouraging other participation from the public and private sectors will make further significant improvement; and

WHEREAS, the City, as a public body, has an opportunity to provide a positive example to its citizens about environmental actions such as recycling, composting, and using environmentally sound and sustainable technologies, practices, and policies. Successful use of Biofuel, electric, hybrid-electric, bi-fueled, and fuel cell powered vehicles in fleets has always and will always encourage use in the private sector by example; and

WHEREAS, Biofuel, electric, hybrid-electric, bi-fuel, fuel cell, and other technologies for vehicle power have advanced in flexibility, efficiency and performance over the past decades; and

WHEREAS, the City of Keene wishes to establish a "Green Fleet" policy addressing the management, operation and procurement of fleet vehicles under the control of the City of Keene, NH in order to improve the energy efficiency of its fleets, reduce emissions from its fleets, and increase the capacity of the fleet to save the City money;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Keene will establish a policy by which the City fleet will operate, including procurement, operations, and management, of a "green Fleet". This policy will pertain to all city vehicles and is aimed at creating and maintaining a fuel-efficient and environmentally-and energy-responsible fleet.