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Park City Passes Resolution to Adopt Net-Zero Energy Performance Requirements for Municipal Buildings and Facilities

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PARK CITY, Utah (October 16, 2017) – The City Council of Park City, Utah, unanimously passed [Resolution 28-2017](#) to adopt net-zero energy performance requirements for all new buildings and facilities constructed using municipal funds. The resolution is the first of its kind in North America.

“It is with great pride that our Council passed this resolution to require our new and renovated buildings and facilities to have minimal environmental impacts,” said Park City Mayor, Jack Thomas. “We want Park City to showcase that we can, and must, take meaningful action to address the climate crisis. Our future depends on it.”

Net-zero energy performance, with an emphasis on energy efficiency, will be incorporated from the beginning of the design process of all municipal buildings and facilities. Actual energy use will be measured for one year post-occupancy to ensure that the building performs to the standard it was designed. Additionally, the Resolution requires renewable energy to be produced on site to cover the facility’s annual need, as opposed to purchasing off-site credits.

Energy modelers and commissioning agents will be involved at the earliest stages of design and pre-design to recommend methods to capture efficiencies, as well as to ensure all mechanical systems are appropriately sized and work together to magnify energy savings. This proven process results in capturing efficiencies, which leads to significant financial savings over the lifetime of the facility.

The resolution also outlines verification pathways to prove that buildings and facilities use net-zero, fossil-based energy. Acceptable verification standards include the [International Living Future Institute’s Energy Petal certification](#); a score of zero on the [Zero Energy Performance Index](#); and [Passive House certification](#) with on-site renewables.

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“Ensuring that our new buildings and facilities meet net-zero energy performance is similar to ADA requirements. It’s just something that we do in Park City,” said Park City Councilmember, Andy Beerman.

In 2016, Park City Municipal set North America’s most ambitious climate [goal](#): to be net-zero carbon and running on 100 percent renewable electricity by 2022 for City operations, and by 2032, for the entire community. This Resolution marks another concrete action by Park City to help address climate change.



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About Park City Municipal Corporation

Park City Municipal Corporation is a political subdivision of the State Utah. A former silver mining town, Park City is now home to two world-class ski resorts and was the mountain host for the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympic Winter Games. The town of 7,500 also hosts many special and cultural events, including the [Sundance Film Festival](#) and [Kimball Arts Festival](#). Park City has been named America’s Best Mountain Town by *Travel & Leisure Magazine*. www.parkcity.org