

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No.

WHEREAS, The City of Providence adopted a Sustainable Providence Plan in 2014; and

WHEREAS, The City of Providence is currently developing a Climate Justice Plan and Mayor Jorge Elorza, along with the City Council, has committed Providence to becoming a carbon-neutral city by 2050; and

WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island has authorized municipalities, pursuant to Chapter 3, Section 1.2 of Title 39 of the General Laws of Rhode Island (the “Act”), to aggregate the retail electric load in their communities through the development and operation of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) programs; and

WHEREAS, CCA programs provide the opportunity to bring the benefits of competitive choice of electric supplier, longer-term price stability and more renewable energy options to the residents and businesses of the City of Providence and other municipalities in Rhode Island.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the City Council authorizes the Director of the Office of Sustainability to research, develop and implement a plan to aggregate the retail electric loads within the City through a CCA program in accordance with the Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council authorizes the Mayor to enter into contracts, consistent with state and local laws related to purchasing, implement such aggregation plan and CCA program independently, or in joint action with other municipalities in the state, and to execute all documents necessary to accomplish the same.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The City Council authorizes the Mayor and the Office of Sustainability to develop and implement an aggregation plan under which all eligible customers will be automatically enrolled in the program unless such customers opt-out of the program consistent with the requirements of the Act.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City Council authorizes the Mayor to engage a consultant with experience in developing and administering CCA programs to assist the City in the creation and operation of an aggregation plan and CCA program provided that the City shall not be required to draw upon the General Fund to compensate such consultant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Mayor and appropriate City departments shall provide regular updates to the full City Council regarding the development and implementation of the aggregation plan and CCA program.