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Substitute resolution directing City departments to increase the usage of biodiesel fuel in City-owned vehicles.

This resolution directs City departments to use biodiesel fuel in City-owned vehicles for a minimum of 20% of their annual fuel consumption, provided that the purchase price of the biodiesel fuel does not exceed the price of petroleum-based fuel by more than 5%.

Whereas, Reliance on petroleum-based fuel to meet energy needs is unsustainable and exacts a heavy price upon the local and global environment and upon global financial resources, including the resources of residents of Milwaukee and Wisconsin; and

Whereas, Development of alternative energy resources is critical to the future environmental health of Milwaukee and Wisconsin residents; and

Whereas, Biodiesel fuel has been recognized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as satisfying Tier I and Tier II health effects testing under the federal Clean Air Act, and studies find as much as a 78.5% reduction in carbon dioxide emissions using biodiesel alternatives; and

Whereas, The development and use of alternative energy resources, including a biodiesel fuel alternative to petroleum-based fuel, may result in long-term economic and environmental benefits to the City; and

Whereas, The City of Milwaukee supports policies that promote the development and use of alternative fuels to reduce harmful emissions and encourage new economic opportunities in Milwaukee and Southeastern Wisconsin; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, By the Common Council of the City of Milwaukee, that City departments are directed to use biodiesel fuel in City-owned vehicles for a minimum of 20% of their annual fuel consumption, provided that the purchase price of the biodiesel fuel does not exceed the price of petroleum-based fuel by more than 5%.

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