

**CITY OF NEWARK
DELAWARE**

RESOLUTION NO. 08-__

**SUPPORT OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY
IN THE CITY OF NEWARK**

WHEREAS, as stewards of the Newark community, Newarkers embrace environmental sustainability as an important concern; and

WHEREAS, appropriate investments in energy efficiency and conservation will have a positive environmental and financial impact on the City of Newark; and

WHEREAS, the City of Newark aspires to be a municipal leader in energy efficiency and conservation; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council, therefore, support the following energy efficiency and conservation objectives:

1. To offer to Newark bill payers an array of payment options, including online bill receipt and payment and budget billing, and comparative energy conservation information intended to encourage energy conservation.
2. To create a Community Development Fund that will provide financial assistance to economically disadvantaged residents by establishing "Operation Round-up," a voluntary funding source for community assistance or low and moderate income residents to expand, for example, Newark's existing energy conservation home weatherization program.
3. To encourage energy conservation by a redesign of the electric rates. This should include inclining block rates and consideration of seasonal electric rates, electric heat rates, and "Smart Metering."
4. To establish a municipal conservation program.
5. To increase the City's clean renewable energy use with the establishment of "Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards," permitting residents to voluntarily purchase higher levels of renewable energy resources, and re-evaluating the energy source used in the City's Green Energy Subscription Program.
6. To establish a Green Fund for the City of Newark to finance energy conservation projects, funded by monies generated from establishing a local community foundation and increasing the system benefit charge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THIS COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWARK, DELAWARE requests that the City staff establish a work plan to implement

these objectives, to be completed no later than November 10, 2008, with the expectation of full implementation of the work plan no later than July 1, 2009.

RESOLVED at a Regularly Scheduled Meeting on _____, 2008.

VOTE: _____ to _____.

Mayor

Attest:

City Secretary