

Tools to Build Local Power

CLEAN ENERGY

A list of the proven **resolutions**, **actions**, and **rules** cities can adopt to promote local economic development from clean energy.

Resolutions

Go for 100%: Over 70 U.S. cities have set goals to get all of their electricity from renewable sources within 15-20 years, offering lower costs and more local energy production. Listen to podcasts with the pioneers—<http://bit.ly/VoicesOf100>

Commit to developing local renewable energy: In Taos, N.M., and Minneapolis, Minn., city officials have set goals to capture the economic benefits of local renewable energy resources. Read the resolution from Taos—<http://bit.ly/TaosLocalEnergy>

Municipal Actions

Transform city lighting: 35 Pennsylvania towns went in together to bulk purchase LED street lighting and will save \$1.4 million per year. Read the news about big savings—<http://bit.ly/PennTownsLEDs>

Blanket city buildings with solar power: Dozens of cities—including Kansas City, Mo.; Raleigh, N.C.; and New Bedford, Mass.—have cut energy costs by investing big in solar on public buildings. Preview the report and podcasts—<http://bit.ly/PublicRooftopRevolution>

Switch city vehicle fleets to electricity: Houston, Tex., saved over \$100,000 per year by switching 27 fleet vehicles to all-electric Nissan LEAFs. Read the case study—<http://bit.ly/HoustonEVsavings>

Fund local energy investment with utility franchise fees: Minneapolis, Minn., raised fees on electricity and gas bills by 0.5% to create a fund supporting clean energy deployment and access for city residents and businesses. Read the news release—<http://bit.ly/MplsFranchiseFee>



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Rules to Simplify Zoning and Permitting

Minimize zoning and permitting costs for renewable energy systems: Hundreds of U.S. cities have lowered rooftop solar costs by 20% with streamlined permitting. Lancaster, Calif., offers a model ordinance. Get the ordinance language—<http://bit.ly/LancasterSolarPermit>

Rules to Lower Housing Costs

Require solar on all new buildings: Several cities (and the state of California) lower solar costs by one-third by requiring new residential properties to incorporate it during construction. Get the ordinance language—<http://bit.ly/SouthMiamiSolar>

Require energy use disclosure on sale or rental of property: allowing prospective buyers or renters to see energy use data motivates property owners to lower energy costs. See who's adopted it and ordinance language—<http://bit.ly/EnergyDisclosure>

Require licensed rental properties to meet minimum energy standards: Boulder, Colo., set minimum standards for all rental properties to ensure renters will have affordable energy bills. See the SmartRegs FAQ—<http://bit.ly/SmartRegs>

Rules to Improve Buildings

Adopt the most aggressive building energy code allowed: In several states, cities may set their own energy codes or adopt a "stretch" code, saving property owners millions of dollars on energy bills. See what cities can do, and what they've done—<http://bit.ly/BetterEnergyCodes>



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