

RESOLUTION 2022-3

Resolution Adopting a Renewable Energy Policy

A POLICY DECLARING THE TOWN OF KEEDYSVILLE'S INTENT TO TAKE A LEADERSHIP ROLE IN RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION WITHIN KEEDYSVILLE, PARTNERING WITH THE MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION, AND ENROLLING AS A MARYLAND SMART ENERGY COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, by adhering to the Maryland Energy Administration's Smart Energy Communities Program the Town of Keedysville has committed to being a socially responsible leader by increasing control of its own renewable energy production; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Keedysville recognizes that by smartly investing in renewable energy, it can have significant monetary savings in the long term;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE KEEDYSVILLE MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL RESOLVE TO ADOPT THE FOLLOWING GOALS AND COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INITIATIVES LISTED BELOW:

Section 1: PURPOSE. The purpose of this policy is:

- To become a Maryland Smart Energy Community by enrolling within the program and following the instructions provided by the State of Maryland.
- To reduce conventional centralized electricity generation serving local government buildings by meeting 20 percent of those buildings' electricity demand with distributed, renewable energy generation within 5 years of the baseline year.
- To develop and initiate a Renewable Energy Action Plan to map out how the community will reach its Renewable Energy Goal.
- To report electricity consumption and renewable generation capacity annually to the Maryland Energy Administration in order to assure that the Town of Keedysville accomplishes said goals in a timely fashion.

Section 2: DEFINITION. For the purpose of this policy, the following terms shall have the meaning given:

- a) *Renewable Energy* – Energy generated from anyone of the following sources: solar, wind, biomass (excluding saw dust), methane from anaerobic digestion of organic materials, geothermal, ocean, fuel cells powered by methane or biomass, poultry litter, and waste-to-energy facilities.
- b) *Electricity Consumption* – The amount of kilowatt-hours (kWhs) consumed by Keedysville on an annual basis including electricity generated and used on-site and electricity purchased from a utility.

- c) *Renewable Energy Action Plan* – Provides details on current and future electricity consumption, estimates required renewable energy production to meet 20 percent of said energy consumption, and designs plans with detailed installation measures and time tables that enable the Town to reach its goal within 5 years of the baseline year.
- d) *Baseline* – Total electricity consumption (kWhs) in a pre-determined baseline year. May include streetlights, but is not mandatory. Must include all buildings as well as sewer and water facilities.

Section 3: BASELINE DOCUMENTATION

The baseline including data related to the specific time period, electricity consumption, building size, and results will be completed by November 11, 2023 and can be found as an appendix to later be attached to this document titled, "MSEC_Baseline_Keedysville"

Section 4: GUIDELINES.

The Town of Keedysville will maintain an annual electricity consumption inventory for all Keedysville owned buildings and energy consuming entities. This annual inventory will be conducted using Energy Star Portfolio Manager (or equivalent energy management program previously approved by the Maryland Energy Administration).

Plans and Implementation

The Town of Keedysville will additionally conduct a Renewable Energy Action Plan to assess the amount of renewable energy that currently exists within Keedysville. Any currently existing renewable energy will be included within the 20 percent reduction goal. For example, if the city determines from the Renewable Energy Action Plan that it already meets 3 percent of its energy consumption needs with renewable energy, only an additional 17 percent of renewable energy production would be required in order to meet the city's final goal.

Finally, the city will implement the necessary projects in order to ensure that a minimum of 20 percent of local government building's energy consumption is supplemented by locally generated renewable energy sources within the 5 year baseline year.

Questions/Enforcement

All inquiries should be directed to the person responsible for implementing this policy. The Community Energy Manager and/or their designee will implement this policy.

Applicability

This policy applies to all departments of the Town with the exception of the exclusions outlined in the definitions above.

Section 5: EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy shall be effective immediately.



Lisa Riner, Town Administrator



Ken Lord, Mayor

Date of Introduction: July 6, 2022

Date of Passage: July 6, 2022

Effective Date: July 6, 2022

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