

# CITY OF CONCORD

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*In the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-four*

**RESOLUTION** ADOPTING A COMMUNITY POWER PROGRAM FOR  
ELECTRICITY SUPPLY IN CONCORD AND AUTHORIZING THE  
CITY TO JOIN THE COMMUNITY POWER COALITION OF NEW  
HAMPSHIRE

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*The City of Concord resolves as follows:*

**WHEREAS,** on July 9, 2018, City Council adopted Resolution #9113 which established non-binding, aspirational goals that 100% of electricity consumed in the City will come from renewable energy sources by 2030, 100% of thermal energy (heating and cooling) consumed in the City will come from renewable energy sources by 2050, and 100% of transportation used in the City will be clean transportation by 2050; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Energy and Environment Advisory Committee (EEAC) identified Community Power Aggregation as a strategy to move towards achieving the electricity goals; and,

**WHEREAS,** Municipal Community Power is a tool to aggregate the demand of customers and purchase electric power on behalf of a community with the goal of lowering costs and expanding access to renewable energy and other innovations, and is enabled by New Hampshire State Law RSA 53-E; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire is a non-profit Joint Power Agency formed to share services and staff support across member cities, towns and counties, participate in joint power solicitations and local project development opportunities, and share knowledge and collaborate regionally on clean energy and resilient infrastructure development; and,

**WHEREAS,** at their meeting on January 24, 2024, the EEAC unanimously voted to recommend that City Council participate in a Community Power program, to pursue an “opt-out” option, adopt 33% renewable energy as the default supply, and join the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Concord that:

- 1) City of Concord shall adopt a Community Power program for electricity supply.
- 2) City of Concord shall join the Community Power Coalition of New Hampshire and the City Manager is authorized to enter into the required legal documents associated therewith.

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- 3) The Energy and Environment Advisory Committee (EEAC) is authorized to finalize a municipal aggregation plan and submit to the New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission (PUC) for review and approval. The plan will include provisions for an opt-out program, as allowed under RSA 53-E:7, and will set the initial default rate for renewable energy supply at 33% renewable energy, with the option to change in the future.
- 4) The City Manager, or his designee, shall be serve as the City's representative to the Community Power Coalition. The City Manager is also authorized to appoint an alternate representative to the Community Power Coalition to represent the City in the City Manager, or his designee's, absence.
- 5) The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute all legal documents required to implement the Community Power program.
- 6) This resolution shall take effect upon its passage.