

Town of Lyons, Colorado  
Board of Trustees  
BOT Agenda Cover Sheet  
Agenda Item No:  
Meeting Date: Nov 1, 2021

**TO:** Mayor Angelo and Members of Board of Trustees  
**FROM:** Kim Mitchell, Community Relations and Programs Director  
**DATE:** October 27, 2021  
**ITEM:** Resolution 2021-105, a Resolution Declaring a Climate Crisis and Establishing Lyons' Commitment to Taking Immediate Action to Address this Climate Crisis Which is Impacting Our Community

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**I. REQUEST OR ISSUE:**

This resolution would approve support for Lyons joining other Boulder County communities and formally adopting a declaration regarding the Climate Crisis.

**II. RECOMMENDED ACTION / NEXT STEP:**

The Sustainable Futures Commission brought this original initiative forward at the Oct 4 BOT meeting. Since that meeting, the SFC has met again, modified the resolution and is recommending approval by the BOT.

**III. FISCAL IMPACTS:**

There is no immediate fiscal impact.

**IV. BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

This resolution states that climate change has already impacted Lyons and that the town has a responsibility to address climate change. The Lyons Sustainable Futures Commission recommends its passage with the modified language in the resolution, as they are a commission appointed by the Lyons Board of Trustees to provide input and recommendations to the town on environmental sustainability matters that affect the community.

The SFC recommends approval which would align with many other state, national, and international governing bodies which have also found that human-induced climate

change poses a serious and urgent threat to the town and its residents. At their September 2021 Sustainable Futures Commission meeting, they drafted and approved a Climate Emergency Resolution for the Board of Trustees to consider adopting. The motion tied 3 to 3 and was moved to a vote for a date certain of Nov 1.

Since the original Oct 4 BOT meeting, the SFC met for their monthly meeting, with their BOT liaison and had a quorum. The majority of the members present voted and agreed to language/verbiage changes proposed in the resolution which are outlined below:

Section 2. The Lyons Board of Trustees hereby:

- a. Proclaims that a climate crisis exists that poses a serious and urgent threat to the well-being of the Town and its residents, businesses, economy and environment.
- b. Further proclaims that it is the intent of the Town to take appropriate action to address this climate crisis and to do its part to reach the State of Colorado's carbon reduction goals.
- c. Acknowledges that through actions to address this climate crisis there may be consequences to its citizens and businesses, but the near and long-term benefits of a just and equitable transition to clean energy and a sustainable society will persist and are critical to the planet.

Currently, Lyons is one of 38 Colorado Communities for Climate Action, which is a coalition advocating for state and federal actions to complement local climate protection action and protect Colorado's climate for current and future generations. The coalition is comprised of 38 local governments, including Boulder, Longmont, Louisville and Nederland. The Sustainable Future Commission have identified addressing climate change as goal of the commission in partnership with the local government, to enable Colorado and its communities such as Lyons to lead in protecting the climate.

**V. LEGAL ISSUES:**

The SFC and staff are not clear if this should be a resolution or a proclamation.

**VI. CONFLICTS OR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES:**

The resolution notes the importance of climate to our environment.

**VII. SUMMARY AND ALTERNATIVES:**

The Sustainable Future Commission recommends approval of the resolution. However, the Board may make modifications to the resolution, choose to not approve the resolution or suggest it be a proclamation.

**PROPOSED MOTION:**

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-105 , a Resolution Declaring a Climate Crisis and Establishing Lyons' Commitment to Taking Immediate Action to Address this Climate Crisis Which is Impacting Our Community