### FOR: COUNCIL MEETING OF July 16, 2013

#### FROM: **ALDERMAN SARAH MARSH**

### **ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION TITLE AND SUBJECT:**

A Resolution Supporting A National Revenue-Neutral Carbon Fee And Dividend To Help Slow Climate Change

#### **APPROVED FOR AGENDA:**

Alderman Sarah Marsh

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City Attorney Kit Williams (Approved As To Form)

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#### **RESOLUTION NO.**

# A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT A NATIONAL REVENUE-NEUTRAL CARBON FEE AND DIVIDEND IN ORDER TO HELP SLOW CLIMATE CHANGE

WHEREAS, in 2012 Mayor Lioneld Jordan signed the United States Conference of Mayors' Climate Protection Agreement and its Climate Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, there is general scientific agreement that climate change is occurring and is at least partially the result of human activity; and

WHEREAS, continuing to use fossil fuels at current rate will increase the long term damage of climate change which will become more and more difficult and expensive to reverse or even slow; and

WHEREAS, a federal, revenue-neutral carbon tax on fossil fuels would reflect their net real costs to our nation and citizens; and

WHEREAS, such carbon tax revenue should be returned to citizens to mitigate its economic impact.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:

<u>Section 1.</u> That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby expresses its support of a federally mandated, national, revenue-neutral carbon tax with all revenues refunded to the citizens and requests that the United States Congress examine the feasibility of such carbon tax (and dividend to citizens) and enact such reasonable program to help slow climate change.

**PASSED** and **APPROVED** this 16<sup>th</sup> day of July 2013.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

By: \_

By:

LIONELD JORDAN, Mayor

SONDRA E. SMITH, City Clerk/Treasurer