

RESOLUTION NO. 297

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE SUPPORTING AND PARTICIPATING IN COMMUNITY POWER CONSERVATION MEASURES

WHEREAS the unusually low precipitation this past summer and fall has resulted in lower than normal hydroelectric power generation, and this shortage of electric power is further exacerbated during cold weather periods due to increased power consumption, and

WHEREAS Tacoma Power and many other electric utilities in the Northwest's generation capacity is adversely affected by the levels of water in the reservoirs, and

WHEREAS the wholesale market for electricity has been and continues to be volatile with prices extremely high, and

WHEREAS, Govern Locke's Energy Supply Alert Order No. 01-03 directs all government agencies to conserve energy and reduce electricity use in City facilities by ten percent; and

WHEREAS the City Council urges all health care facilities, businesses, governmental agencies, including, but not limited to, schools and residents of the City of University Place, to undertake voluntary power conservation measures; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY PLACE:

Section 1. Regional Power Shortage. The City Council recognizes that a regional power shortage exists, and calls upon all health care facilities, businesses, governmental agencies, including schools and the residents in the City of University Place, as well as the rest of the Tacoma Power service territory, to conserve power and take every feasible action to meet a minimum ten percent community conservation goal.

Section 2. Power Shortage Conservation Efforts. All health care facilities, businesses, governmental agencies, and residents are urged to limit all indoor and exterior lighting, especially after normal business hours, to those needed for conducting business and assuring the safety of the public.

To minimize energy use, all health care facilities, businesses, governmental agencies, and residents are urged to turn water heaters down to 120 degrees, if possible, reduce thermostat settings to 68 degrees Fahrenheit during business hours, lower thermostat settings, when unoccupied, and turn off lights, appliances, and computers when not in use.

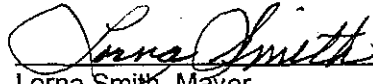
Residents are encouraged to take shorter showers, set thermostat settings at 68 degrees Fahrenheit when home and 55 degrees Fahrenheit when not at home or when sleeping; run only full dishwasher loads (and turn off the electric dry feature) and cold water loads of laundry; use microwave ovens instead of electric stoves; and turn off hot tubs and electronic equipment when not in use.

The City Manager is directed to curtail power use by all City departments and employees, and, consistent with the public health and safety, significantly reduce the use of indoor and outdoor decorative lighting displays.

Section 3. Evaluation of Conservation Measures. The City Council will evaluate the success of voluntary conservation measures and assess the necessity of imposing mandatory conservation measures.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FEBRUARY 5, 2001.


Lorna Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:


Catrina Craig, City Clerk