

# Public Hearing on Fossil Fuels Temporary Moratorium



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City Council Public Hearing

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# Presentation Overview

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# Prior Council Action

- On June 8, 2020 City Council adopted Ordinance M-4295
  - Established six-month moratorium prohibiting the establishment of new, or expansion of existing, large-scale fossil fuel facilities
  - Exemptions are allowed for upkeep, repair, or maintenance of existing buildings or properties
  - Doesn't impact facilities that solely provide direct sales or distribution to consumers (e.g. gas stations)

# Historic Context

- City Council has taken related action in the past:
  - Resolution M-3821 – *Encouraged agencies to deny permits for facilities that increase the transportation of Bakken crude oil through Clark County* (June 2014)
  - Resolution M-4090 – *Restricted the expansion of crude petroleum facilities by way of a moratorium* (Sept. 2014)
  - Made corresponding revisions to the City land use code (Title 20.150 VMC)

# Present Situation

- Efforts will soon be underway to create or update City documents:
  - Strategic Plan
  - Climate Action Plan
  - Vancouver City Center Vision
  - Title 20 VMC
- Moratorium will preserve the widest range of choices and alternatives during these planning efforts

# Action Requested

- On July 20, 2020, approve the resolution adopting findings of fact in support of Ordinance M-4295



# Council questions, testimony, deliberations

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