

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW 6/9/2023

The Chattanooga City Attorney has reviewed the provisions of the proposed Climate Action Plan below that contains current protections for individual freedom, personal liberty, and privacy. The preamble of this proposed Climate Action Plan has been adopted by the Mayor and City Council and contains clear language protecting individual privacy and freedom of movement by the Citizens of this City. This document does not impose any binding commitments or contractual obligations with any national or international non-governmental organizations. It is clear from the preamble, that is included below in its entirety, that this plan has been considered after much thought and adopted with the express intent and purpose of improving the quality of life for all Chattanooga residents by investing in economic opportunity, conserving our natural resources, and attracting the jobs of the future.

All seven goals contained in this plan are admirable and will address the needs of our community going forward as this City seeks to expand public transit, pedestrian, and bicycle infrastructure across the City to provide more transportation options for all individuals during Mayor Kelly's administration. The Mayor and City Council encourage all individuals to consider the future benefits which may be obtained for our community if we can accomplish all goals and thought behind our future development in this City.

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Preamble on Protecting Individual Freedom, Personal Liberty and Privacy

The Chattanooga Climate Action Plan shall impose no binding commitments on the City of Chattanooga.

The Chattanooga Climate Action Plan shall make no recommendation of any sort that would violate individual privacy or freedom of movement.

The Climate Action Plan shall make no recommendation that imposes any regulation on driving or transit choices of residents, even as it seeks to expand and better integrate public transit, pedestrian, and bicycle infrastructure across the city to provide more transportation options especially to those who cannot drive themselves, like the poor, young, and elderly.

The Climate Action Plan shall not restrict residents in any way, regardless of their preferred means of transportation, where they live, or length of commute.

The Climate Action Plan shall not make any recommendations that violate or undermine the City of Chattanooga's home rule status as outlined by state law and the city charter, including by any national or international non-governmental organizations.

The Climate Action Plan shall be in full compliance with the requirements and the liberties provided by the United States Constitution and the constitution and laws of the State of Tennessee.

The Climate Action Plan shall ensure that community input and engagement remain at the core of the plan to increase economic prosperity and opportunity for Chattanooga residents in every neighborhood, regardless of their race, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, political affiliation, income, or where they live.

The Climate Action Plan shall be adopted with the express intent and purpose of improving the quality of life for all Chattanooga residents by investing in economic opportunity, conserving our natural resources, and attracting the jobs of the future.