

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE CREATION  
OF A LOUDON COUNTY AIR QUALITY TASK  
FORCE**

Whereas, Loudon County has recently joined with neighboring Counties within East Tennessee to form an Early Action Compact with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and

Whereas, Loudon County is recording ozone concentrations in excess of federal standards, and

Whereas, under the provisions of the Federal Clean Air Act of 1990, areas exceeding ambient air quality standards must be designated as non-attainment, and

Whereas, declining air quality conditions involving but not limited to ozone concentrations and volatile organic compounds (VOC's) have negative implications for public health and economic growth, and

Whereas, the legislative bodies of the County of Loudon, City of Lenoir City and City of Loudon concur that a coordinated approach toward improving air quality within the County and East Tennessee Region is of vital importance to the community.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Loudon County Commission, Lenoir City City Council and Loudon City Council hereby establish the Loudon County Environmental Air Quality Task Force (Task Force) as herein described.

**Section 1. Membership**

The Task Force shall be comprised of 12 members as follows:

1. One individual representing the medical community
2. One individual representing the scientific community with experience/education in the natural sciences
3. Two individuals representing the Loudon County Commission\*
4. One individual representing the Loudon City Council\*
5. One individual representing the Lenoir City City Council\*
6. Three individuals representing local industry (managers, or their representatives, of industries impacting air quality)
7. Three at large individuals representing the general public

\*The representatives of the three legislative bodies shall be nominated and approved by their respective board.

Section 2. Vacancies. Vacancies on the task force shall be submitted for approval to each of the legislative bodies except those representing the legislative bodies of the County and Cities.

Section 3. Cessation of Task Force: The Task Force will be terminated 24 months from the date of the first meeting unless renewed by each of the parties to this resolution.

Section 4. Officers: The Task Force shall appoint a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary of the Task Force.

Section 5. Duties: The Task Force is formed in an advisory capacity only and shall not have the authority to establish regulations or standards. The Task Force shall submit periodically draft reports to the legislative bodies and a final written report within 24 months of establishment to the three legislative bodies describing and recommending specific actions to be undertaken for the following:

- Define the present air quality within the County and region utilizing existing available resources including available monitoring stations as needed
- Determine the extent to which major sources and nature of emissions contribute to air pollution within the County and region
- Determine the impact of present air quality on public health and economic growth of the County and region and to forward recommendations to the legislative bodies as appropriate
- Determine cost-effective ways in which major local sources of emissions can improve air quality in a voluntary program
- Determine regulatory methods (if it is determined that such is necessary), including expected administrative costs, to effectively improve air quality within the County
- Identify other issues influencing air quality emissions and methods to improve the overall air quality within the County and region.
- Coordination of Early Action Compact consistent with Section 8
- Communicate and educate the community in regards to air quality and recommendations for improvement

Section 6. Appointment of Membership. Upon adoption of this Resolution, each legislative body shall designate the representative(s) to the Board. The four designated legislative representatives shall submit to the legislative bodies the nominations for the remaining seats on the Task Force. Unless a legislative body takes specific action rejecting an appointment(s) the nomination shall be confirmed.

Section 7. Task Force Meetings. The Task Force shall meet as frequently as needed and as agreed by the members. The Task Force is a public body and shall comply with the open meeting policies of the State of Tennessee.

Section 8. Coordination and preparation of Early Action Compact. The Task Force shall appoint a representative(s) to coordinate with and, when necessary, attend meetings involving the Early Action Compact. EPA has identified March 2004 for

implementation of the Air Quality Improvement Plan. As part of the Early Action Compact a Steering Committee for each local area (County) will be established to finalize an Air Quality Improvement Plan. The Plan is intended to direct implementation of proactive measures that will bring participating counties into compliance with the 8-hour ozone standard consistent with Tennessee's Early Action Compact. The Task Force shall coordinate with the Steering Committee and submit to the County and municipal legislative bodies for adoption the Air Quality Improvement Plan for Loudon County consistent with the Early Action Compact.

Section 9. Monitoring and Testing. In the course of evaluating emissions, and absent existing technical data, the Task Force may request to the legislative bodies funds to conduct independent sampling. At the time of request the Task Force shall provide sufficient explanation and reasons for the need for additional monitoring and anticipated costs. This section does not obligate additional funding on the part of the legislative bodies.

Now Therefore Be It Finally Resolved that this Resolution shall take affect immediately the public health and welfare requiring it.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2003

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Attest

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Chief Executive Officer