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ORDER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING SOLAR POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS

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WHEREAS, in 2019, the City of New Haven formally recognized the urgency of the climate crisis and Ordered to act by adopting a Climate Emergency Order in, and

WHEREAS, the City of New Haven is committed to energy efficiency and renewable energy projects to reduce energy costs and protect the environment, and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut in Public Act 19-35 amended the process for auctioning Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) through the Non-Residential Renewable Energy Solutions (NRES) program to facilitate the financing of solar projects, and

WHEREAS, solar arrays on City buildings and sites funded through power purchase agreements can provide New Haven with low-cost electricity without any bonded capital outlay, and

WHEREAS, solar power purchase agreements can provide savings of over 25% relative to current electricity costs and can also generate new revenues from the City through lease agreements, and

WHEREAS, the City has twice utilized solar power purchase agreements to install solar panels on City schools and produce energy savings, and

WHEREAS, various City buildings and sites have been identified as potential candidates for solar arrays, and

WHEREAS, distributed generation systems such as solar arrays require separate interconnection agreements with the local electrical distribution company in order to operate, and

WHEREAS, the large-scale project proposed for the flat top of the City's capped landfill requires a lease agreement in addition to a power purchase agreement, and

WHEREAS, the City of New Haven Energy Committee has been previously empowered by the Board of Alders to make specific recommendations regarding energy purchases, and

WHEREAS, the City of New Haven Energy Committee includes Aldermanic representation,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED by the Board of Alders of the City of New Haven that the Mayor is authorized and empowered to enter into power purchase agreements for a twenty year term for City-owned facilities or sites (including Board of Education facility sites), subject to the approval of the City of New Haven Energy Committee. In addition, the Mayor is authorized and empowered to enter into any leases and any utility agreements required for the installation and technical execution of the aforementioned power purchase agreements, including but not limited to electrical interconnection agreements and a lease of a section of the City's capped landfill.