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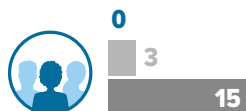
OVERALL SCORE

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RECOMMENDATIONS

- Improve the energy performance of municipal operations and assets.
- Engage more with utilities to promote clean energy.
- Set and track community-wide goals for GHG emissions.
- Adopt policies and programs targeting energy efficiency in existing buildings, such as retrocommissioning and audit requirements and incentives, particularly targeting low-income housing.
- Adopt and track a goal for reduction in VMT or transportation sector GHG emissions.
- Increase the deployment of EV charging infrastructure.

COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES



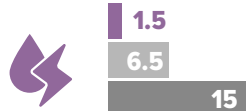
BUILDINGS POLICIES



TRANSPORTATION POLICIES



ENERGY AND WATER UTILITIES



LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS



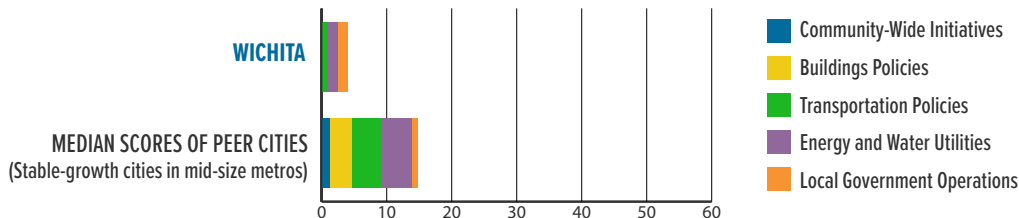
■ MEDIAN SCORE OF ALL CITIES  
■ MAXIMUM POINTS POSSIBLE

2021 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

WICHITA, KS

Wichita has few clean energy policies. The city can take several policy actions that will serve as stepping-stones to a clean energy future.

HOW DOES WICHITA STACK UP TO PEER CITIES?



COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES (0 OF 15 POINTS)

Wichita has few community-wide initiatives aimed at reducing GHG emissions. It has not adopted citywide climate and energy goals or taken an equity-driven approach to clean energy planning. The city has not supported the creation of community solar or the integration of emissions-reducing technology in distributed energy systems within the community.

BUILDINGS POLICIES (0 OF 30 POINTS)

Wichita has few initiatives to reduce GHG emissions and energy use in the buildings sector. Neither the state of Kansas nor Wichita itself requires residential and commercial buildings to comply with any particular energy code. We could not find information on whether the city has adopted solar ordinances or policies requiring buildings to include EV charging infrastructure or be EV ready. Wichita does not have programs committed to developing a dedicated energy efficiency or renewable energy workforce, and the city does not have policies that incentivize or require energy efficiency in existing buildings.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES (1 OF 30 POINTS)

Wichita has few initiatives to reduce GHG emissions and energy use in the transportation sector. Of low-income households in Wichita, 0% have access to high-quality transit. With only 9.2 per 100,000 people, the city has a very low number of EV charging station ports available for public use. Wichita has neither a sustainable freight transportation plan in place nor any policies that address freight efficiency, nor has it codified VMT or transportation-related GHG reduction targets. Transportation entities that serve Wichita have received roughly \$16.70 per capita on average in local transit funding annually between 2015 and 2019, a very low funding level.

ENERGY AND WATER UTILITIES (1.5 OF 15 POINTS)

Wichita has few initiatives to reduce GHG emissions and energy use in utility operations. We were unable to verify energy efficiency program spending and savings for Westar Energy to compare savings as a percentage of sales with other utilities. The utility offers energy efficiency programs for low-income residents and multifamily customers, with deep-saving energy efficiency measures. Wichita neither provides community-wide energy use information at the aggregate level nor advocates for better ratepayer access to utility data. We were unable to confirm whether the city of Wichita participates in activities or strategies to encourage more utility-scale or distributed renewable energy generation from its local electric utility. Westar Energy set a modest goal to reduce carbon emissions 80% by 2050 from 2005 levels.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS (1.5 OF 10 POINTS)

Wichita has not yet adopted GHG emissions reduction or clean energy goals for local government operations, and it has few initiatives to reduce GHG emissions and energy use in local government operations. The city does not have an efficient fleet procurement or outdoor lighting policy, but it has converted streetlights to LED. Wichita's disadvantaged business enterprise program directs inclusive contracting processes for energy projects. The city has not installed onsite renewable energy systems and does not have a comprehensive retrofit strategy in place.