

**RESOLUTION R2019-087  
CITY OF SHAKOPEE  
COUNTY OF SCOTT  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SHAKOPEE  
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MINNESOTA GREENSTEP CITIES PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a voluntary challenge, assistance and recognition program to help cities achieve their sustainability and quality-of-life goals. GreenStep is a free, continuous improvement program, managed by a public-private partnership, and based upon 29 best practices. Each best practice can be implemented by completing one or more actions at a 1, 2 or 3-star level, from a list of four to eight actions. These actions are tailored to all Minnesota cities, focus on cost savings and energy use reduction, and encourage civic innovation; and

WHEREAS, uncertainty in energy prices and the transition away from fossil fuel energy sources present new challenges and opportunities to both the City of Shakopee and to the economic health of its citizens and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the cost associated with changing climate conditions has the potential to negatively impact local, regional and state economies and infrastructure development; and

WHEREAS, local governments have the unique opportunity to achieve both energy use and climate change cost savings through building and facilities management; land use and transportation planning; environmental management; and through economic and community development; and

WHEREAS, steps taken toward sustainable solutions aim to improve community quality of life, building community capital and increasing government efficiency, accountability and transparency; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program provides cost-effective sustainable development best practices in the following five categories: (1) Buildings and Lighting; (2) Transportation; (3) Land Use; (4) Environmental Management; and (5) Economic and Community Development;

**NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Shakopee does hereby authorize the City of Shakopee to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program that offers a free, voluntary continuous improvement framework. Passage of this participation resolution allows the City to be recognized as a Step One GreenStep City. Be it further resolved that the City:**

- 1. Appoints Liz Bushaw to serve as the City's GreenStep coordinator for best practice documentation/implementation; and**
- 2. Will facilitate the involvement of community members and other units of government as appropriate in the planning, promoting and/or implementing of GreenStep Cities best practices; and**
- 3. Grants to the GreenStep program's buildings advisor review access to the City's B3 Benchmarking Database so as to facilitate analysis and cost-saving technical assistance to the City regarding its buildings' energy use; and**

4. Will provide feedback once a year on how well the GreenStep program is serving the city and on city needs from the program; and
5. Will claim credit for having implemented and will work at its own pace toward implementing any eight best practices that will result in energy use reduction, economic savings, quality of life improvement, reduction in the City's greenhouse gas footprint, and recognition by the League of Minnesota Cities as a Step Two GreenStep City. An on-going summary of the City's implementation of best practices will be posted by the City on the Minnesota GreenStep Cities web site.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_