

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-06

**CITY OF CIRCLE PINES
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**A Resolution Authorizing the City of Circle Pines 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, local governments have the unique opportunity to achieve both energy use and climate change gas reductions and cost savings through building and facilities management; land use and transportation planning; environmental management; and through economic and community development; and

WHEREAS, efforts to address energy and climate issues provide an opportunity to move toward energy self-reliance and greater community resiliency and quality of life; provide environmentally healthy and cheaper-to-operate public buildings; encourage new economic development and local jobs; and support local food and renewable energy production; 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

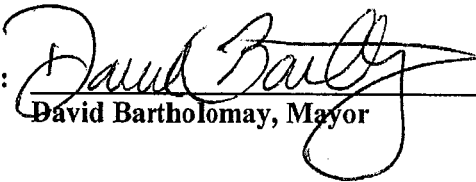
WHEREAS, the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program assists in facilitating technical assistance for the implementation of these sustainable development best practices; and

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.

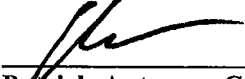
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Circle Pines does hereby authorize the City of Circle Pines (the City) to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program that offers a free, voluntary continuous improvement framework. Passage of this participation resolution allows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

1. Appoints Patrick Antonen and Chandra Peterson to serve as the City's GreenStep coordinators 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 post an ongoing summary of the City's implementation of best practices on the Minnesota GreenStep Cities website.

Adopted this 23rd day of July, 2019.

By: 
David Bartholomay, Mayor

ATTEST:


Patrick Antonen, City Administrator

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