

# CITY OF PLYMOUTH

## RESOLUTION No. 2023-205

### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MINNESOTA GREENSTEP CITIES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Minnesota Session Laws 2008, Chapter 356, Section 13 directed the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and Office of Energy Security in the Department of Commerce (Office of Energy Security), in collaboration with Clean Energy Resource Teams (CERTs), to recommend municipal actions and policies that work toward meeting the state's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals; and

WHEREAS, a broad coalition of public and private stakeholders including the League of Minnesota Cities, the MPCA, Office of Energy Security and CERTs responded to 2008 legislation by establishing the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program to provide a series of sustainable development best practices focusing on local government opportunities to reduce energy use and greenhouse gases; and

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, 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; 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 City of Plymouth's Environmental Quality Committee has reviewed the elements of the program, is supportive of participation in the program, and believes the program will support city and committee goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MINNESOTA:

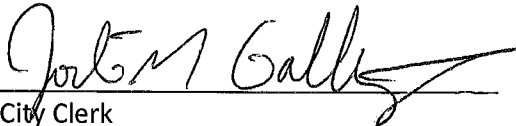
1. The City of Plymouth is authorized to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program that offers a free, voluntary continuous improvement framework. Passage of this participation resolution allows the city to be recognized as a Step One GreenStep City; and
2. The Engineering Division of the Public Works Department is appointed to serve as the city's GreenStep coordinator for best practice documentation/implementation; and
3. The city 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
4. 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
5. The city will provide feedback once a year on how well the GreenStep program is serving the city and its needs from the program; and
6. The city will claim credit for having implemented and will work at its own pace toward implementing GreenStep 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 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 website.

APPROVED by the City Council on this 8th day of August, 2023.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN) SS

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and appointed City Clerk of the City of Plymouth, Minnesota, certifies that I compared the foregoing resolution adopted at a meeting of the Plymouth City Council on August 8, 2023, with the original thereof on file in my office, and the same is a correct transcription thereof.

WITNESS my hand officially as such City Clerk and the Corporate seal of the city this 8 day of August, 2023.

  
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City Clerk