

RESOLUTION 12-6031

CITY OF BURNSVILLE, MINNESOTA

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

WHEREAS, the City of Burnsville has been proactive in pursuing sustainable practices and adopted the Sustainability Guide Plan in February of 2009; and

WHEREAS, The City Council adopted a sustainability Outcome that the City will employ feasible sustainable practices that promote development and maintain or enhance economic opportunity and community well-being while protecting and restoring the natural environment upon which people and economies depend; and

WHEREAS, a broad coalition of public and private stakeholders including the League of Minnesota Cities, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, the Office of Energy Security, and the Clean Energy Response Team have partnered together to establish 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, 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

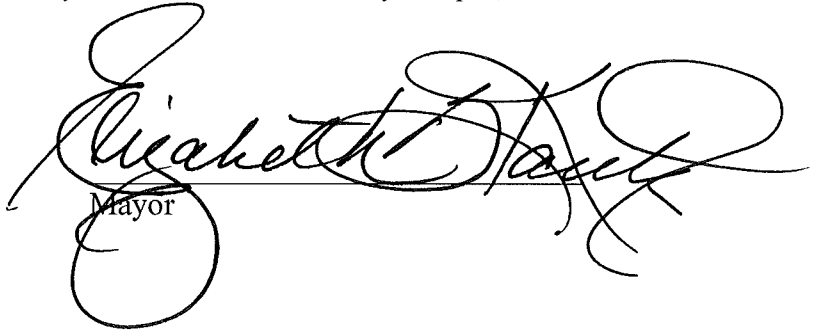
WHEREAS, the City of Burnsville has already implemented 14 of the 16 required best practices needed to be a GreenStep City:

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Burnsville does hereby authorize the City of Burnsville (the "City") to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program. Be it further resolved that the City:

1. Appoints the Recycling Environmental Specialist to serve as the city's GreenStep coordinator to facilitate best practice implementation; and
2. Will facilitate the involvement of community members, civic, business and educational organizations, and other units of government as appropriate in the planning, promoting and implementing of GreenStep Cities best practices; and
3. Will submit documentation verifying that our community has already implemented 14 of the 16 required GreenStep best practices that will result in energy use reduction, economic savings and reduction in the community's greenhouse gas footprint. A summary of the city's implementation of best practices will be posted on the Minnesota GreenStep Cities web site; and

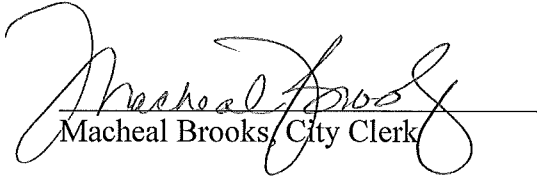
4. Will pursue actions to implement the following two required best practices that are needed to become certified as a “Greenstep City”:
 - A. Environmental Purchasing – develop a written policy supporting the City’s use of at least 30% recycled paper and the purchase of Energy Star appliances.
 - B. Urban Forests – apply to become a Tree City, USA.

Passed and duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Burnsville this 17th day of April, 2012.



Elizabeth Dancy
Mayor

ATTEST:



Macheal Brooks, City Clerk