

**CITY OF CHANHASSEN  
CARVER AND HENNEPIN COUNTIES, MINNESOTA**

**DATE:** August 27, 2018 **RESOLUTION NO:** 2018-41

**MOTION BY:** McDonald **SECONDED BY:** Tjornhom

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CHANHASSEN 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”); 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 the 2008 legislation by establishing the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program; and

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a voluntary challenge program; and

**WHEREAS**, GreenStep is a free, continuous improvement program, managed by a public-private partnership, and based upon 29 best practices covering five categories: (1) Buildings and Lighting; (2) Transportation; (3) Land Use; (4) Environmental Management; and (5) Economic and Community Development; and

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program with 122 currently participating municipalities, including many neighboring cities, assists in collaboration and facilitating technical assistance; and

**WHEREAS**, efforts taken by the City of Chanhassen closely align with the goals promoted by the GreenStep Cities Program. To date, the City of Chanhassen has already:

1. Adopted a comprehensive plan approved by the Metropolitan Council; and
2. Adopted a water ordinance to preserve and protect drinking/ground water resources; and
3. Been designated as a Tree City USA for the last 23 years; and
4. Adopted a tree preservation and/or native landscaping ordinance; and
5. Adopted a shoreland ordinance for all river and lake shoreland areas; and
6. Created a mechanism to address failed or non-compliant septic systems; and
7. Adopted a subsurface sewage treatment system ordinance based on the Association of Minnesota Counties’ model ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Chanhassen continues ongoing pursuit of voluntary activities and continual process improvements such as:


1. Conducting public service education campaigns to conserve our community’s water resources; and
2. Continuing to improve the City’s parks and trails; and
3. Promoting recycling and composting; and
4. Promoting and implementing cost-effective energy efficiency improvements in all city operations to minimize the tax burden on our citizenry; and
5. Continuing to be good stewards of our valuable and limited natural resources.

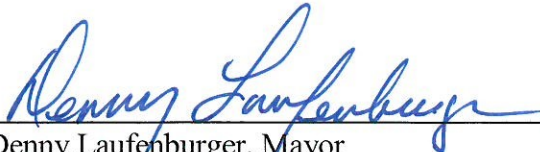
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Chanhassen City Council does hereby authorize the City of Chanhassen to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City appoints the City of Chanhassen Environmental Commission to serve as GreenStep coordinator to document, identify, and facilitate best practice implementation. In addition, the Environmental Commission shall provide a report to the City Council once a year on how well the GreenStep Cities Program is serving the city.

Passed and adopted by the Chanhassen City Council this 27<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.

ATTEST

  
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Todd Gerhardt, City Manager

  
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Denny Laufenburger, Mayor

YES

NO

ABSENT

Laufenburger  
McDonald  
Tjornhom  
Ryan

Campion