

RESOLUTION NO. 14-39

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF COON RAPIDS
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 28 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, steps taken toward sustainable solutions aim to improve community quality of life, building community capital and increasing government efficiency, accountability and transparency; 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 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.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Coon Rapids does hereby authorize the City of Coon Rapids (the City) to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program that offers free, voluntary continuous improvement framework.

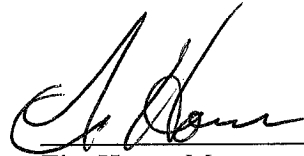
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City appoints Colleen Sinclair to serve as the City's GreenStep Coordinator for best practice documentation/implementation (and, as appropriate, identifies the Coon Rapids Sustainability Commission as the city's GreenStep coordination team); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City will facilitate the involvement of community members and other units of government as appropriate the Coon Rapids Sustainability Commission in the planning, promoting and/or implementing of GreenStep Cities best practices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Grants to the GreenStep program's buildings advisor read-only access to the City's B3 Benchmarking Database so as to facilitate analysis and cost-savings advice to the City regarding its buildings' energy use; and

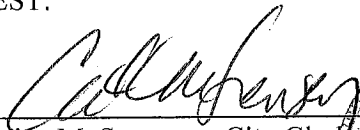
BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED that the City will claim credit for having implemented and will work at its own pace toward implementing at least 16 GreenStep best practices that will result in energy use reduction, economic savings, quality of life improvement and reduction in the City's greenhouse gas footprint. An on-going summary of the City's implementation of best practices will be posted on the Minnesota GreenStep Cities web site.

Adopted this 4th day of March, 2014.



Tim Howe, Mayor

ATTEST:



Catherine M. Sorensen, City Clerk

