

**RESOLUTION NO. 2010-197**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF COTTAGE GROVE  
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 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.

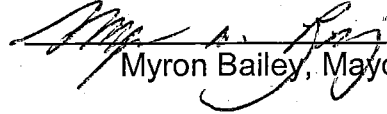
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Cottage Grove, County of Washington, State of Minnesota, does hereby authorize the City of Cottage Grove (the "City") to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City:

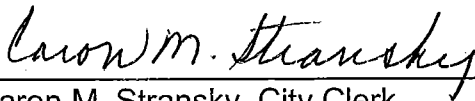
1. Appoints the Cottage Grove Environmental Commission to serve as the City's GreenStep coordinator to facilitate best practice implementation; and
2. Will facilitate the involvement of community members, civic, business and educational organizations, and other units of government as appropriate in the planning, promoting and implementing of GreenStep Cities best practices; and
3. Will identify a short list of best practices for initial implementation by June 1, 2011; and
4. Will claim credit for having implemented and will implement in total at least 16 required and optional GreenStep best practices that will result in energy use reduction, economic savings, and reduction in the community's green-

house gas footprint. A summary of the city's implementation of best practices will be posted on the Minnesota GreenStep Cities web site.

Passed this 1st day of December 2010.

  
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Myron Bailey, Mayor

Attest:

  
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Caron M. Stransky, City Clerk