

CITY OF FARIBAULT

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**RESOLUTION 2016-058**

**AUTHORIZE THE CITY OF FARIBAULT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE  
MINNESOTA GREENSTEP CITIES PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program is a voluntary assistance and recognition program that offers communities cost-effective, environmentally sound, and socially responsible best practices related to buildings and lighting, transportation, land use, environmental management, and economic and community development; and

**WHEREAS**, there are no fees for the City of Faribault to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program; however, the program requires City Staff to conduct a limited inventory of existing practices in the city to identify potential improvements and savings; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Faribault can choose the level at which the City wishes to participate in the program; and

**WHEREAS**, participation in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program benefits the City of Faribault in many ways including, but not limited to, the following:

1. It provides the City with tools to implement applicable parts of the City's "Community Vision 2040" plan, especially as they relate to our strategic priorities for thriving economic development and a vibrant downtown; and
2. It helps the City conduct a valuable inventory and analysis of existing conditions that can be used to set goals and strategies that will inform the planning process related to the City's update of its Comprehensive Plan; and
3. It strengthens the City's ability to receive grants for City improvements related to the program's best practices; and
4. It provides opportunities for the City to consult with other communities and experts on how to implement the program's best practices in the most cost-effective and beneficial ways; and
5. It provides the City with recognition that it is committed to a prosperous and healthy future, which in turn, provides businesses, industries, and others with a strong reason to develop or grow in Faribault.
6. It strengthens the City's efforts to be fiscally responsible, environmentally sound, and socially responsible, which benefits the entire community of Faribault.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Faribault does hereby authorize the City of Faribault to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program as a Step One GreenStep City.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Faribault:

1. Appoints the City Planner to serve as the City's GreenStep Cities Coordinator; and
2. Commits to facilitate the involvement of community members and other units of government as appropriate in the planning, promoting, and implementing of GreenStep Cities best practices; and
3. Allows the Building Advisor of the GreenStep Cities program read-only access to the City's B3 Benchmarking Database to facilitate analysis and cost-savings advice to the City regarding energy use in its buildings; and
4. Accepts its responsibilities for participating in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program and commits to striving to implement at least eight (8) GreenStep Cities best practices, which 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 Step Two GreenStep City or greater; and
5. Directs the City's GreenStep Cities Coordinator to document implementation of its best practices on the Minnesota GreenStep Cities website.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and without publication.

Date Adopted: March 8, 2016

Faribault City Council

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John R. Jasinski, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Brian J. Anderson, City Administrator