

**RESOLUTION NO. R24-11**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF FARMINGTON  
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MINNESOTA GREENSTEP CITIES PROGRAM**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Farmington, Minnesota was held in the Council Chambers of said City on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2011 at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Larson, Bartholomay, Donnelly, Fogarty, May  
Members Absent: None

Member Bartholomay introduced and Member Donnelly seconded the following:

WHEREAS, the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program aims to provide Minnesota cities a clear pathway to greater sustainability based upon implementing best practices specific to Minnesota cities of differing sizes and capabilities. Due to the multiple environmental, economic and social dimensions of the best practices, leadership from a city's council is needed to oversee their implementation and coordination/integration with other city and community activities; and

WHEREAS, climate changes have been observed in Minnesota and have the potential to negatively impact local, regional and state economies; infrastructure development; habitat; ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, local governments have the unique opportunity to achieve both energy use and climate change gas reductions through building and facilities management; land use and transportation planning; environmental management; and through economic and community development; 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;

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.

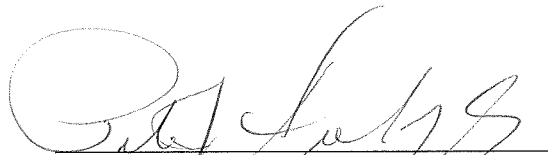
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Farmington does hereby authorize the City of Farmington to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program. Be it further resolved that the City:

1. Appoints the City Planner to serve as the City's GreenStep coordinator to facilitate best practices implementation; and
2. Will facilitate the involvement of community members, civic, business and educational organizations, and other units of government as appropriate [Dakota County Regional Chamber of Commerce, Farmington Downtown Business Association, City of Farmington Green Team, etc.]
3. Will identify a short list of best practices for initial implementation by May 2, 2011; and
4. Will claim credit for having implemented 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 greenhouse gas footprint. A summary of the city's implementation of best practices will be posted on the Minnesota GreenStep Cities web site.

This resolution adopted by recorded vote of the Farmington City Council in open session on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2011.

By:   
Mayor

Attest to the 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011.

  
City Administrator

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