

**RESOLUTION R 15-22
CITY OF LEXINGTON
COUNTY OF ANOKA
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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

The 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 the city council is needed to oversee their implementation and integration with other city and community activities and with other governmental jurisdictions (such as surrounding townships) as appropriate.

To join the GreenStep Cities program as a Step One city, cities adopt a GreenStep participation resolution that names a contact person to be the city's GreenStep coordinator. This person can be an existing city staff person, an elected official or an appointed community member. Cities may also empower an existing or new committee to lead and coordinate the implementation of GreenStep best practices. Many cities find it easier to complete more GreenStep actions faster with a committee. The committee can be an existing city commission or task force, an existing civic group, a city staff "green team," or a new group. A new group could include city elected officials/staff and community members, including representatives from civic and religious groups, business organizations and educational institutions.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Lexington does hereby authorize the City of Lexington to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program that offers a free, voluntary continuous improvement framework. Passage of this participation resolution allows the City to be recognized as a Step One GreenStep City. Be it further resolved that the City:

- 1. Appoints Peggy McNamara to serve as the City's GreenStep coordinator for best practice documentation/implementation (and, when appropriate, identifies a group as the city's GreenStep coordination team); and**
- 2. Will facilitate the involvement of community members and other units of government as appropriate in the planning, promoting and/or implementing of GreenStep Cities best practices; and**
- 3. 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**
- 4. Will claim credit for having implemented and will work at its own pace toward implementing any GreenStep best practices that 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. An on-going summary of the City's implementation of best practices will be posted by the City on the Minnesota GreenStep Cities web site.

By: _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator/ Manager/ Clerk

Date: _____ August 6, 2015 _____