

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-127
CITY OF MAPLE GROVE**

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

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, efforts to address energy and climate issues provide an opportunity to move toward energy self-reliance and greater community resiliency; provide environmentally healthy and cheaper-to-operate public buildings; encourage new economic development and local jobs; and support local food and renewable energy production; 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;

WHEREAS, the City Council considered this matter at its December 17, 2012 meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Maple Grove as follows:

1. The City is authorized to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program.
2. Peter Vickerman, City Planner, is appointed to serve as the City's GreenStep Coordinator to facilitate best practice implementation.
3. The GreenStep Coordinator 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.

4. The GreenStep program's buildings advisor may have 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.
5. The GreenStep Coordinator will identify a short list of best practices for initial implementation by March 4, 2013.
6. The GreenStep Coordinator will claim credit for having implemented and will work toward implementing at least eight (8) 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.

Motion to approve the foregoing findings, conclusions, and decision was made by Councilmember Leith and seconded by Acting Mayor Sargent, upon a vote being duly taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

Acting Mayor Sargent, Councilmembers Leith, Jaeger, Johnson

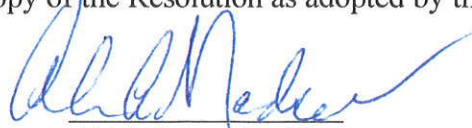
and the following were against: None

and the following were absent: Mayor Steffenson

where upon, the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted the 17th day of December, 2012.

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN) SS.
CITY OF MAPLE GROVE)

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the City of Maple Grove, Hennepin County, Minnesota, a Minnesota municipal corporation, hereby certify that the above and foregoing Resolution No. 12-127 is a true and correct copy of the Resolution as adopted by the City Council on the 17th day of December, 2012.


Al Madsen, City Clerk