

RESOLUTION NO.
16- 018
STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF RAMSEY
CITY OF NEW BRIGHTON

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

WHEREAS, the GreenStep Cities Program aims to provide Minnesota cities a pathway to greater sustainability based upon implementing best practices; and

WHEREAS steps taken toward sustainable solutions aim to improve community quality of life, building community capital and increasing government efficiency, accountability and transparency; 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; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program assists in facilitating technical assistance for the implementation of these sustainable development best practices; and


WHEREAS, information on the program was presented by Diana McKeown on January 4, 2016 to Craig Schlichting, Director of Community Assets and Development and the City Wide Action Team; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council does hereby authorize the City of New Brighton (City) 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 Craig Schlichting, Director of Community Assets and Development, to serve as the City's GreenStep coordinator for best practice documentation/implementation and, identifies the City Wide Action Team 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 8 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.

ADOPTED this 9th day of February, 2016, by the New Brighton City Council with a vote of 4 ayes and 1 nays, (Gina Bauman)



Valerie Johnson, Mayor



Dean R. Lotter, City Manager

ATTEST:



Terri Haarstad, City Clerk