

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-10

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

WHEREAS, the City of Newport is working to promote sustainability throughout the entire City through several initiatives; and

WHEREAS, a broad coalition of public and private stakeholders including the League of Minnesota Cities, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), Office of Energy Security and Clean Energy Response Team responded to 2008 State 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 provides cost-effective sustainable development best practices in the following five categories: 1) Buildings and Lighting; 2) Land Use; 3) Transportation; 4) Environmental Management; and 5) Economic and Community Development; and

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

1. Appoints Renee Helm, Executive Analyst, to serve as the City's GreenStep coordinator to facilitate best practices review and implementation; and
2. Will facilitate the involvement of Newport City Council, City staff, and constituents in the planning, promoting and implementing of GreenStep Cities best practices; and
3. Will identify a short list of best practices for initial implementation by December 31, 2012; and
4. Will claim credit for having implemented and will work toward implementing at least 12 required and optional GreenStep best practices that will result in energy use reduction, economic savings and reduction in the community's greenhouse gas footprint.
5. Will work with the MPCA to post a summary of the City's implementation of best practices on the Minnesota GreenStep Cities website and the City's website.

Adopted by the City Council this 19th day of April, 2012.

Motion by: Geraghty, Seconded by: Rahm

VOTE:	Geraghty	<u>Aye</u>
	Ingemann	<u>Aye</u>
	Sumner	<u>Aye</u>
	Gallagher	<u>Aye</u>
	Rahm	<u>Aye</u>

Signed: 
Tim Geraghty, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Brian Anderson, City Administrator