

**CITY OF ST. FRANCIS  
COUNTY OF ANOKA  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**RESOLUTION 2017-22**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ST. FRANCIS  
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MINNESOTA GREENSTEP CITIES PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a voluntary challenge, assistance and recognition program to help cities achieve their sustainability and quality-of-life goals. GreenStep is a free, continuous improvement program, managed by a public-private partnership, and based upon 29 best practices. These actions are tailored to all Minnesota cities, focus on cost savings and energy use reduction, and encourage civic innovation; and

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

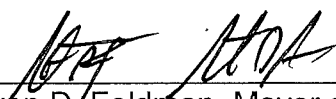
**WHEREAS**, local governments have the unique opportunity to achieve both energy use and climate change gas reductions and cost savings through building and facilities management; land use and transportation planning; environmental management; and through economic and community development; and

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


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of St. Francis does hereby authorize the City of St. Francis (the 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 Kate Thunstrom to serve as the City's GreenStep coordinator for best practice documentation/implementation; 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 review access to the City's B3 Benchmarking Database so as to facilitate analysis and cost-saving technical assistance to the City regarding its buildings' energy use; and
4. Will provide feedback once a year on how well the GreenStep program is serving the city and on city needs from the program; and
5. 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. Initial GreenStep best practices will include work towards efficient lighting in public buildings, storm water management, efficient water and wastewater systems, septic system management, community engagement and participation with SolSmart for renewable energy.

APPROVED:

  
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Steven D. Feldman, Mayor of St. Francis

ATTEST:

  
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Barbara I. Held, City Clerk

