

RESOLUTION 031015A

**CITY OF LAUDERDALE
COUNTY OF RAMSEY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LAUDERDALE
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 28 best practices. Each best practice can be implemented by completing one or more actions at a 1, 2 or 3-star level, from a list of four to eight actions. 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

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, the City of Lauderdale has taken steps toward sustainable solutions aim to improve community quality of life, building community capital and increasing government efficiency, accountability and transparency.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Lauderdale does hereby authorize the City of Lauderdale (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 the City Administrator, or his or her designee, 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 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 six 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 by the City Council of Lauderdale this 10th day of March, 2015.



Jeffrey Dains, Mayor

Attest: 

Heather Butkowski, City Administrator