

RESOLUTION 2006R-381

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Adopting the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards in the planning, design, construction and commissioning of municipal facilities financed by the City of Minneapolis and utilized by the City's Charter Departments.

Whereas, a variety of high performance, sustainable, or "green" building standards such as Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) have been used in Minnesota and across the nation for the last 15 years and have proven to reduce the consumption of energy and other natural resources, improve building performance, cost efficiency, and building longevity; and

Whereas, the City's staff has successfully completed, starting in 2002, seven large projects utilizing green buildings standards and methodology; and

Whereas, Green Building can assist in meeting Sustainability Indicator Targets related to Air quality, Asthma morbidity, Reduced greenhouse gas emissions, Increased renewable energy, Improved water quality, Increased permeable surfaces, and Brownfield Site cleanup;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That the City will utilize the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards in the planning, design, construction, and commissioning of municipal facilities financed by the City of Minneapolis and utilized by the City's Charter Departments.

Be It Further Resolved that all new or significantly renovated municipal facilities (financed by the City of Minneapolis and utilized by the City's Charter Departments) of 5,000 square feet or greater, should be built to a LEED Silver level of quality with emphasis in LEED points related to "Energy and Atmosphere," unless otherwise directed by the City Council.

Be It Further Resolved that staff be directed to report back by the end of September on the feasibility of Certified LEED Gold level of quality for the Hiawatha Maintenance Facility.

Be It Further Resolved that at least five City staff members, including but not limited to Community Planning & Economic Development (CPED), Regulatory Services, and Public works, will be LEED Accredited within two years, and that the City, through the environmental services division host a one-day training for all interested and eligible employees on the LEED standards.

Be It Further Resolved that the City Attorney, Director of Accounting and Public Works develop implementation strategies to allow attainment of LEED standards for municipal facilities.

Adopted 7/21/2006.