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## **RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS**

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Adopting green building standards in the planning, design, construction, and commissioning of public facilities financed by the City of Minneapolis and utilized by the City's Charter Departments.

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota created green building standards, currently known as the Minnesota Sustainable Building Guidelines, that have been used for all new State buildings starting in 2004; and

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, the City's internal Green Buildings Team has recommended adopting policies supportive of the City's adopted Sustainability Indicators that build on existing efforts to green high performance building standards into the City's planning, design, construction, and commissioning efforts;

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

that City staff, led by the Department of Public Works, will utilize the Minnesota Sustainable Building Guidelines or Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standards as the basis for decision making for the planning, design, construction and commission of new buildings, major renovations, and upgrades to building systems over \$100,000 that are owned and financed by the City of Minneapolis and utilized by the City's Charter Departments.

Be it Further Resolved that City staff, led by Public Works, engage in dialog with the U.S. Green Building Council on the development of a LEED standard that addresses the design strategies that are aligned with northern climates.