

RESOLUTION NO. R2022-045

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SHAKOPEE, MINNESOTA AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN SOLSMART AND INITIATE THE DESIGNATION PROCESS.

WHEREAS, the City of Shakopee, participating in Minnesota GreenStep Cities, a voluntary challenge, assistance, and recognition program helping cities achieve their sustainability and quality-of-life goals, and obtained Step Two status through a series of ongoing best practices; and

WHEREAS, to receive Step 3 recognition, specific actions need to be taken to organize goals/outcome measures from city plans/metrics and show the progress towards meeting these goals,

WHEREAS, SolSmart is a free-to-use organization connecting local government with no-cost technical support that can help the City complete these specific actions and assist in tracking these metrics in a user-friendly format while continuing the work the City has taken to make itself solar friendly and set the City up to meet the requirements of Steps 4 and 5; and

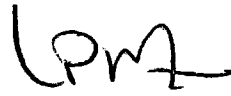
WHEREAS, SolSmart builds upon existing solar infrastructures such as using streamlined online permit processing, solar as an accessory use in all zoning districts, and utilizing public facilities and collaborative relationships to install solar on Eagle Creek Elementary, Shakopee High School's ELC, and the Blue Lake Wastewater Treatment Plant through CERTs, the Metropolitan Council, and the Shakopee Public School District;

NOW THEREFORE, the city of Shakopee will use GreenStep Cities/Schools and Minnesota Solar Schools to continue the development of local solar and other renewable markets expanding on the 140+ residential solar permits, multiple EV charger and vehicle investments, and strengthening local facilities to be resilient and address a changing landscape, leveraging SolSmart to progress towards the goals defined in the Natural Resources and Resilience Goals and Strategies by:

- Reviewing zoning code to identify barriers to solar PV development and compile findings in a memo presented to the Planning Commission to determine if code language needs to be changed and ensure landscaping in public spaces and surrounding public buildings won't prevent adequate solar collection should solar energy systems be installed and utilize best practices to reserve appropriate land for future wind production facilities.
- Develop a solar PV assessment that identifies all feasible sites for large-scale solar PV development and timelines for the inclusion of specific solar PV goals, metrics, and strategies into existing or future plans as well as tracking these goals in existing systems.

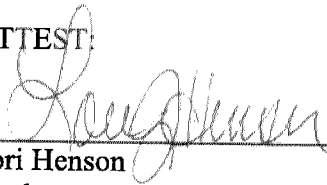
- Establish a GIS Dashboard and Solar Landing page containing information including solar goals, educational materials, and resources for solar development (e.g. resources for home/business owners, online dashboard or summary of the solar PV community metrics, solar map of the community, and training/career opportunities in coordination with local colleges/workforce development organizations.

Adopted in regular session of the City Council of the City of Shakopee, Minnesota,
held the 15th day of March, 2022.



William Mars
Mayor

ATTEST:



Lori Henson
Clerk