

RESOLUTION

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Carmen Melendez, Acting Director

Department of Housing & Economic Development

for
Carmen Melendez

Councilman /woman MARGE CALDWELL WILSON/VERLINA REYNOLDS JACKSON presents the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE ADOPTION OF GREEN BUILDING PRACTICES FOR CIVIC, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, the City of Trenton pledges to incorporate the principles of green design and renewable energy generation into municipal buildings, to the extent feasible, as well as into the City's site plan and subdivision requirements for residential and commercial buildings when such requirements are updated; and.

WHEREAS, studies of the United States Green Building Council has revealed that buildings account for 39% of CO2 emissions (more than the transportation or industrial sectors), 12% of potable water use, 65% of waste output, and 71% of electricity consumption in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the phrase "green building" -- also referred to as sustainable or high-performance building -- is a collection of better design, construction, and operating practices that have the potential to reduce or eliminate the negative impacts of development on the environment and on human health.

WHEREAS, there are numerous examples of green building programs and guidelines that have been propagated at the national, state, and local levels, which commonly address energy efficiency and carbon emissions reduction, water conservation, waste reduction, healthy and sustainably produced materials, indoor air quality, occupant productivity and health, and other components of green building and sustainable development; and

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WHEREAS, the City desires to set a leadership example in the area of green building design through, among other things, the implementation of energy efficiency audits, upgrades to the municipal building stock, and continued procurement practices such as improving water conservation, reducing light pollution, and increasing construction waste recycling; and

WHEREAS, the City also desires to support green building in the private sector as well through a combination of (a) voluntary actions such as incorporating a green building scorecard as a discussion item in the Site Plan approval process, (b) actions that may be required in the future subsequent to the adoption of this Resolution such as amending the Site Plan approval checklist to directly incorporate those green building standards available to a municipality, and (c) educational actions such as making available information on green building programs, guidelines and rebates to the residents; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the governing body hereby endorses the implementation of green building practices as described herein for civic, commercial and residential buildings which will be incorporated, to the extent feasible, into the design, construction, operation and maintenance of all such buildings.

	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent		Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent		Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
BETHEA	✓				HOLLY WARD	✓				MCBRIDE				✓
CALDWELL WILSON	✓				MUSCHAL				✓					
CHESTER	✓				REYNOLDS JACKSON	✓								

This Resolution was adopted at a Meeting of the City Council of the City of Trenton on July 19, 2012

Cheryl Holly Ward

President of Council

Leanne Bayler
City Clerk