

Resolution xx-xxx

A Resolution Amending the City of Brookings Establishing a Green Building Practices Policy for City- Funded Facilities

Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Brookings, South Dakota as follows:

Whereas, the City of Brookings desires to **continue** ~~lead by example through~~ implementing **green** building practices that protect natural resources, prevent waste, reduce consumption, and promote human health and well-building; and

Whereas, **the City of Brookings'** ~~a~~ sustainable building policy **yields** ~~is expected to yield~~ savings by efficiently managing energy, water, waste, and storm water, while improving the employee and visitor experience, **resulting in the following benefits** ~~implementation of this policy is intended to result in:~~

- Significant savings through reduced utility costs,
- Lower operation and maintenance costs,
- Reduced impact on municipal infrastructure,
- Enhanced environmental quality and decreased pollution,
- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions,
- Improved health, comfort and productivity of building occupants, and
- ~~Leadership by example~~ **Exemplifying sustainable building practices** for other public and private building owners and other sustainable building stakeholders in the Brookings area; **and**

~~Whereas, there are pending new municipal construction projects scheduled which would benefit from an immediate policy; and~~

Whereas, the City of Brookings adopted its initial Green Building Practices Policy on February 9, 2016, and subsequent developments in green building practices and revised State laws now permit construction designed to meet or exceed high-performance green building standards at lower costs; and

Whereas, the Brookings Sustainability Council has evaluated the State's City's current Green Building Practices Policy and State Law, and recommends adoption of the following sustainable building policy, with the intent of proposing a detailed, comprehensive policy for Council review and action later this year amending the City's current Green Building Practices Policy to include the Sustainable Building Policy set forth below.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved by the City Council of the City of Brookings the following Policy be adopted to wit adopts the following revised Green Building Practices Policy:

~~The City of Brookings will meet or exceed high-performance sustainable building standards, as defined under SDCL 5-14-32 (Section 1, a-c), for all new construction using City funds, which is designed and constructed in a manner that achieves at least:~~

A. New construction using City funds shall, in good faith, be designed with the intention of meeting or exceeding the following high-performance green building standards:

- 1) A ~~silver standard~~ **certified** rating under the United States Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (~~LEED~~) rating system in effect as of November 18, 2013;
- 2) A two globe rating under the Green Building Initiative's Green Globes rating system as of July 31, 2013; or
- 3) A comparable numeric rating under a sustainable building certification program recognized by the American National Standards Institute as an accredited standards developer.

A. A waiver of the requirements of this Green Building Practices Policy may be granted by the City Manager if:

- 1) The building will have minimal human occupancy;
- 2) The increased costs of achieving a high-performance green building standard cannot be recouped from decreased operational costs within 15 years; or
- 3) The City Manager determines that extenuating circumstances exist to make impractical construction designed with the intention of meeting or exceeding high-performance green building standards.

Passed and approved this 25th day of January, 2022.

CITY OF BROOKINGS, SD

Oepke G. Niemeyer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Bonnie Foster, City Clerk