CITY OF GREENSBURG, KANSAS

RESOLUTION NO.- 2007-17
PERTAINING TO LEED BUILDING STANDARDS

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the City of Greensburg, Kansas, ("City") to be a model community based on the principles of economic, environmental, and cultural sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the established "Vision" and "Goals," as adopted by community groups and the City Council, promote green building best practices and planning for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to lead by example and demonstrate green building best practices; and

WHEREAS, it is also the policy of the City to recognize the importance of the environment and to finance, plan, design, construct, manage, renovate and maintain its facilities and buildings to be sustainable by

A. Designing new development to be durable, healthy, and efficient;
B. Promoting a high level of efficiency in new construction;
C. Treating each drop of water as a precious resource;
D. Improving public awareness of new technologies that can improve the quality of life or building occupants; and

WHEREAS, the United States Green Building Council (USGBC), a non-profit, nationally recognized association with membership representing all segments of the building industry, including architects, manufacturers, government agencies, and environmentalists, has created LEED, a green building rating system that provides specific principles and practices, some mandatory but the majority discretionary, that may be applied during the design, construction, and operation phases, which enable the building to be awarded points from reaching preset standards of environmental efficiency so that it may achieve LEED certification from the USGBC as a "green" building; and

WHEREAS, LEED is recognized nationwide by public and private sectors alike as a credible and viable guide for realizing the goal of a sustainable, energy efficient building that achieves significant cost savings over its lifespan; and

WHEREAS, LEED is a system which can assist Greensburg in achieving its green building best practices goals.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GREENSBURG:

From and after the date of this Resolution, it shall be the policy of the City that the design, construction, and operations of new facilities and renovations with 4,000 square feet of

occupied area, unless exempted by the City Council, for which a request for proposals for design services is issued, shall be designed to conform to the Platinum rating of the USGBC LEED Green Building Rating System in effect on the date of any such request for proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each contract for the design, construction, remodeling or renovation of a City owned or operated building or facility shall contain provisions determined by the City Administrator to be sufficient to require the designer and constructor to comply with the applicable LEED Platinum Standard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Projects achieve all ten optimize energy performance points according to the LEED rating system. This equates to a 42% reduction in energy consumption over a standard building; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Projects in Process with sites acquired and design underway prior to the adoption of this Resolution, and programs with funding authorized before December 17, 2007 shall comply with the applicable LEED Platinum Standard to the extent possible without compromising necessary programmatic components of the project, and the current schedule for project completion; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that with respect to any project, the City Administrator, with the consent of the City Council, shall select the most appropriate version of LEED and apply the Platinum Standard, or require compliance with select credits, or set a lifecycle cost/benefit ratio for budget increases related to green building costs, or exempt a construction project from any LEED compliance requirements, it being the intent and desire by the City that the LEED standards be applied principally to facilities used and occupied on a fulltime basis by City employees to fulfill City administrative and public service functions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Administrator shall promulgate rules and regulations to be approved by the City Council to facilitate the implementation of this Resolution and the City Council's review and determination process.

This Resolution is approved and adopted this 17th day of December, 2007.

JOHN JANSSEN, Mayor

ATTEST:

STEVE HEWITT, City Clerk/Administrator