## CITY OF WEST ST. PAUL DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA

## **RESOLUTION NO. 18-162**

## RESOLUTION APPROVING SUSTAINABLE PURCHASING POLICY

WHEREAS, the City of West St. Paul has shown the need to be environmentally conscience; and

WHEREAS, the City has decided to work towards becoming a sustainable city; and

WHEREAS, the City joined the GreenStep Cities program; and

WHEREAS, the City has begun following GreenStep Cities best practices program; and

WHEREAS, Green Step Cities program #15 "Sustainable Purchasing" requires that cities adopt a sustainable purchasing policy and practices directing the city purchases; and

**WHEREAS**, The City can complete best practice #15 by adopting the following sustainable purchasing policy:

The City of West Saint Paul will strive to purchase paper products containing the highest post-consumer content practicable, but no less than 30% recycled-content for copy paper, the minimum recycled content standard established by the US EPA Comprehensive Procurement Guidelines, when practical and available. The City shall purchase other products made with recycled material whenever possible and economically feasible. Energy Saving Products: All appliances and products purchased by the city for which the US EPA Energy Star certification is available will meet Energy Star certification, provided such products are available and financially feasible. Examples include lighting systems, exhaust fans, water heaters, computers, exit signs, refrigerators, dishwashers, and microwave ovens. Water Saving Products: Water-using products purchased by the city will meet the US EPA's WaterSense certification standards when such products are available and financially feasible. Examples include low-flow faucets and other plumbing fixtures.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and City Council approve the new sustainable purchasing policy for all City staff to follow in the manner described therein.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of West St. Paul, Minnesota, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018.

Jenny Halverson, Mayor

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Attest:

Shirley R Buecksler, City Clerk