

RESOLUTION OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE

Recognizing the City of Wausau as an Eco-Municipality that Promotes and Utilizes Sustainable Practices.

Committee Action: Approved 4-0

Fiscal Impact: None

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WHEREAS, the City of Wausau acknowledges that the people of Wausau desire a stable, sustainable future, and

WHEREAS, the City of Wausau acknowledges that a clean and healthy environment determines the quality of life, where the environment can support and sustain the community, and where citizens are committed to local and regional cooperation and a personal philosophy of stewardship and

WHEREAS, the willingness of the City of Wausau to move in the direction of eco-municipality designation can serve as a model for our citizens, encouraging economic development and industrial initiatives while protecting the ecosystem in which they raise their families, and

WHEREAS, by endorsing sustainable community development, the City of Wausau is joining an international network of eco-municipalities, and taking the initiatives to become one of the eco-municipalities in central Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, by endorsing sustainable community development, the City of Wausau is pledging to educate itself further about sustainable activities and to develop initiatives to support of sustainable practices, and

WHEREAS, the Commission for a Greener Tomorrow will continue to partner with the City of Wausau concerning water management, transportation, energy management, neighborhood development, and green building, waste management, and

WHEREAS, the Commission for a Greener Tomorrow has unanimously recommended that the City of Wausau become a eco-municipality community, and

WHEREAS, the following four guidelines were developed by the American Planning Association to help communities implement sustainable practices:

1. Reduce dependence upon fossil fuels, and extracted underground metals and minerals.
2. Reduce dependence upon harmful chemicals and other manufactured substances that can accumulate in Nature.
3. Reduce dependence on activities that harm life-sustaining ecosystems.
4. Meet the hierarchy of present and future human needs fairly and efficiently.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Wausau endorse the principles of sustainability as outlined above and apply these principles in its decision making, planning, policy making and municipal practices, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Wausau partner with Commission for a Greener Tomorrow to research and advise the Mayor and Common Council on implementation of sustainable practices, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Wausau contact neighboring municipalities and invite them to participate in following sustainable practices.

Approved:

James E. Tipple, Mayor