RESOLUTION ADOPTING ECO-MUNICIPALITIES SUSTAINABILITY GUIDELINES

WHEREAS, the City of Beloit recognizes that the citizens of Beloit desire a stable, sustainable future; and

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

WHEREAS, by endorsing sustainable economic development, the City of Beloit is pledging to further educate itself about sustainable activities and to develop additional initiatives in support of sustainable practices; and

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

- Reduce dependence upon fossil fuels
- Reduce dependence on chemicals and other manufactured substances that can accumulate in Nature
- Reduce dependence on activities that harm life-sustaining ecosystems
- Meet the hierarchy of present and future human needs fairly and efficiently

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Beloit endorses the principles of sustainability as outlined above and that the City will endeavor to apply these principles when economically feasible to its decision-making, planning, policy making and municipal practices and the City Council encourages the citizens of Beloit and the private sector to promote and embrace the philosophy and principles of sustainability.

Adopted this 17th day of December 2007.

Terrence T. Monahan
Council President

Attest:

Carol S. Alexander, WCPC/MMC
City Clerk