

RESOLUTION 12-0604-134

ENDORISING THE ADOPTION OF GREEN BUILDING PRACTICES FOR CIVIC, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, buildings account for 39% of CO2 emissions – more than either the transportation or industrial sectors. In addition, buildings account for nearly 12% of potable water use, 65% of waste output, and 71% of electricity consumption in the U.S. (U.S. Green Building Council).

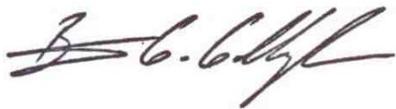
WHEREAS, green building – also referred to as sustainable or high-performance building -- is a collection of better design, construction, and operating practices that have the potential to reduce or eliminate the negative impacts of development on the environment and on human health. There are many examples of green building programs and guidelines that have been propagated at national, state, and municipal levels. They commonly address energy efficiency and carbon emissions reduction, water conservation, waste reduction, healthy and sustainably produced materials, indoor air quality, occupant productivity and health, and other components of green building and sustainable development.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this resolution is to enhance the public welfare and assure that commercial, residential and civic development is consistent with the (identify name of municipality) desire to create a more sustainable community by incorporating green building measures into the design, construction, operation and maintenance of buildings.

WHEREAS, the City desires to set a leadership example in the area of green building through the implementation of energy efficiency audits and upgrades to the municipal building stock, continued procurement practices...etc. (e.g. improve water conservation, reduce light pollution, increase construction waste recycling).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey hereby implements a Green Building Policy that will consider opportunities to incorporate green building measures into the design, construction, operation and maintenance of municipal buildings and facilities.

Adopted by Borough Council on June 4, 2012



Mayor



Borough Clerk

I, Kevin Sluka, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Somerville, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, hereby certify this to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Borough Council on June 4, 2012



Kevin Sluka, Clerk/Administrator