

RESOLUTION NO. 1793

A RESOLUTION OF THE GOLDEN CITY COUNCIL SETTING CITY-WIDE SUSTAINABILITY GOALS FOR THE NEXT TEN YEARS

WHEREAS, the Golden City Council recognizes the current threat to our environment and resolved in early 2007 to place Golden in the forefront of global communities willing to do their part to help make a difference, and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that local government actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy efficiency provide multiple local benefits by decreasing air pollution, creating jobs, reducing energy expenditures, and saving money for the local government, its businesses, and its residents, and

WHEREAS, Golden defines *sustainability* as an attempt to meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs, and

WHEREAS, Council wants to begin an aggressive ten-year program with clear goals, and

WHEREAS, since February of this year more than 60 citizens have devoted countless hours to refining Council's original proposed goals and suggesting programs for achieving them.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLDEN, COLORADO:

Section 1. Golden intends to meet the following Sustainability Goals:

Improve the energy efficiency and reduce the environmental impact of new and existing buildings in Golden. Specifically:

- 1) Ensure that within ten years 90% of all new buildings constructed in Golden each year are built to green building standards.
- 2) Ensure that within ten years 50% of all remodels in Golden each year are built to green building standards.
- 3) Revise Golden's land use code to reflect the best practices in sustainability once every five years.

b. Improve the economic health of our community by increasing business opportunities focused on energy efficiency and renewable energy and by reducing the energy costs of all Golden businesses. Specifically:

- 1) Encourage local businesses to improve their sustainability and profitability by developing their offerings of sustainable products and services and their use of sustainable products, services, and practices.
- 2) Create/Attract new jobs and businesses in the sustainability sectors.

Increase our community's awareness of and encourage commitment to actively take part in sustainability as a public value that supports cultural, economic and environmental health for all citizens. Specifically:

- 1) Create effective, ongoing two-way communication that informs, educates and inspires community involvement in city-wide sustainability efforts; and

- 2) Support the Community Working Groups in crafting community action plans that effectively foster sustainable behavior.
- d. Increase our community's energy efficiency and our use of renewable sources of energy. Specifically:
 - 1) Reduce the City of Golden's energy usage by 25% and increase to 50% the proportion of its energy use derived from renewable energy sources within ten years (25 x 50 in10).
 - 2) Reduce overall community energy usage in Golden by 20% and increase to 20% the proportion of its energy use derived from renewable energy sources within ten years (20 x20 x 10).
- e. Reduce our solid waste stream contribution through the expanded use of recycling programs, waste diversion programs, and other tools. Specifically:
 - 1) Reduce our solid waste stream contribution by 25% in ten years.
- f. Increase the ability of Golden residents and visitors to travel to and through Golden using alternative transportation. Specifically:
 - 1) Reduce the communities total Vehicle Miles Traveled by 15% in ten years.
- g. Ensure that Golden sustains a clean, stable water supply into the future, Specifically:
 - 1) Reduce Golden's per capita water use by 15% in 5 years.
 - 2) Maintain better than regulatory water quality from water treatment plant to end-user.
 - 3) Increase the efficiency of the water delivery system.
 - 4) Improve the health of the ecosystem associated with the Golden waterways.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2007

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ATTEST:

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Approved as to form:
