

**CITY OF CAPE MAY**

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**RESOLUTION NO. 103-05-2011**

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE ADOPTION OF GREEN BUILDING PRACTICES FOR CIVIC, COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS IN THE CITY OF CAPE MAY**

**Motion: Wichterman**

**Second: Swain**

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

**WHEREAS**, the City's Master Plan and other planning documents encourage sustainability and green design; and

**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; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of this resolution is to enhance the public welfare and assure that commercial, residential and civic development is consistent with the City of Cape May's desire to create a more sustainable community by incorporating green building measures into the design, construction, operation and maintenance of buildings; and

**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); and

**WHEREAS**, the City additionally wishes to support green building in the private sector through a combination of voluntary actions (e.g., including a green building scorecard as a discussion item within the Site Plan approval process), actions that may be required in the future although not at the time of the adoption of this resolution (e.g., amending the Site Plan approval checklist to directly incorporate those green building standards available to a

municipality), and educational actions (e.g., making available information on green building programs, guidelines, rebates etc to residents of the municipality).

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Cape May hereby implements a Green Building Policy that:

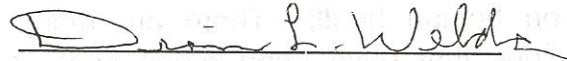
- Will consider opportunities to incorporate green building measures into the design, construction, operation and maintenance of municipal buildings and facilities.
- Will encourage green design for commercial and residential buildings.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,**

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Diane Weldon, Clerk of the City of Cape May, in the County of Cape May, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the Township Council at a regular meeting held on the 17th day of May, 2011.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said City this 17th day of May, 2011.

  
Diane L. Weldon, City Clerk

Roll Call	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Fiocca			x	
Murray	x			
Swain	x			
Wichterman	x			
Mahaney	x			