

RESOLUTION 2019 – 5

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY ADOPTING THE UNIVERSITY CITY SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GUIDELINES

WHEREAS, the City of University City recognizes that a healthy environment is integral to the long-term economic health of the City.

WHEREAS, the City of University City utilizes the triple bottom line accounting framework to guide the City's economic, social, and environmental performance.

WHEREAS, the City of University City voted to endorse the OneSTL Regional Plan for Sustainable Development on July 9, 2018.

WHEREAS, the City of University City adopted the Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Policy on May 12, 2014.

WHEREAS, the City of University City established the Green Practices Commission to study sustainability practices of the City on August 8, 2011.

WHEREAS, the Green Practices Commission unanimously endorsed the Sustainable Development Guidelines during their April 11, 2019 meeting.

WHEREAS, the City of University City recognizes that community awareness and education of sustainable development practices are fundamentally important to successful implementation of sustainable policies and programs.

WHEREAS, adoption by the City of University City demonstrates their commitments and leadership on sustainability and energy efficiency.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF UNIVERSITY CITY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

The City of University City hereby adopts the University City Sustainable Development Guidelines in accordance with the Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, and Greenhouse Gas Reduction Policy.

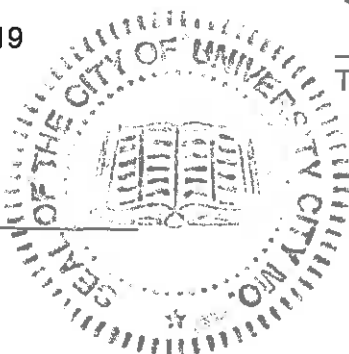
The City of University City adopts these guidelines with the intent to modify them over time, wherever possible, to add incentives and requirements which encourage sustainable development.


This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the City Council and signature by the Mayor.

Adopted this 13th Day of May, 2019

ATTEST:


LaRette Reese, City Clerk




Terry Crow, Mayor



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MEETING DATE: May 13, 2019

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: Sustainable Development Guidelines

AGENDA SECTION: New Business

CAN THIS ITEM BE RESCHEDULED?: Yes

BACKGROUND REVIEW:

Collaborative efforts between the Green Practices Commission, staff, and regional experts were used to create sustainable guidelines for development projects. University City adopted the East-West Gateway OneSTL sustainable targets July 9, 2018; it is critical to put processes in place to attain these goals. These guidelines would be a component of the Sustainability Master Plan called for in the FY18-20 Work Plan.

The OneSTL areas of sustainability pertaining to developmental standards are as follows:

- Water and Green infrastructure – Increasing water quality and reducing stormwater pollution
- Waste and Recycling – Reducing landfill waste and increasing waste diversion
- Transit Oriented Development – Increasing alternative methods of transportation
- Energy and Emissions – Increasing energy efficiency and reducing emissions
- Biodiversity – Increasing habitat connectivity and ecological functionality

All strategies to attain the sustainability targets must be evaluated through the triple bottom line framework – people, planet, and profit – in order to have a broad perspective for the greatest value to the city.

In order for University City to meet the adopted sustainability Goals, all development within University City, public and private, must take measures to implement sustainable practices. The proposed guidelines are primarily incentivized and recommended with the only required practices being what is codified; they will not create additional work or costs to the developer. The intention is to create a straightforward place for sustainable practices, promoting and facilitating development in our City while encouraging practices that protect our environment for future generations.

The guidelines will need to be updated annually to include all current incentives, requirements and advancements in technologies and resources available for sustainable practices.

On April 11, 2019 the Green Practices Commission unanimously endorsed the Sustainable Development Guidelines.

RECOMMENDATION:

The City Manager is recommending that City Council approve the resolution and adopt the Sustainable Development Guidelines.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Draft Resolution
2. Sustainable Development Guidelines