RESOLUTION NO. 4199

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHANDLER, ARIZONA, ADOPTING THE CITY OF CHANDLER GREEN BUILDING PROGRAM AND COMMITTING TO A REQUIREMENT TO CONSTRUCT CITY BUILDINGS USING THE US GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL SPONSORED PRINCIPLES OF LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN.

WHEREAS, the City of Chandler believes that there is a need to promote sustainable building practices to reduce adverse impacts on City water supplies, the creation of urban heat islands and reduce non-renewable energy consumption;

WHEREAS, the City of Chandler further believes that green building practice can significantly enhance indoor environmental quality, resulting in healthier and more comfortable environments for Chandler residents and employees;

WHEREAS, City of Chandler staff has created a Green Building Program that will promote sustainable building practices;

WHEREAS, the City of Chandler desires to model environmentally sensitive building design, as developed in the City of Chandler Green Building Program, in its own facilities;

WHEREAS, the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED™) Green Building Rating System and Certification is a nationally recognized standard for excellence in facility design and has multiple levels of certification; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chandler finds that green design and construction decisions made by the City in the construction and remodeling of City buildings can result in significant cost savings to the City over the life of the buildings.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1: That the City of Chandler Green Building Program, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby adopted.

Section 2: That the City of Chandler hereby declares that all new, occupied (as defined by the City’s building code) City buildings, larger than five thousand (5,000) square feet in size, will be designed, contracted and built to achieve the LEED™ Silver certification level, and to strive for higher levels of certification whenever project resources and conditions permit.

Section 3: That the City of Chandler hereby declares that all future renovations, non-occupied (as defined by the City’s building code) City buildings, and occupied City buildings five thousand (5,000) square feet in size or less, will be designed, contracted and built to include as many principles of both the LEED™ program and the City’s Green Building Program as are feasible.
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Section 4: That the City of Chandler, in order to maintain control over the cost of City building projects, qualifies the above Section 2 of this Resolution to require a payback period necessary to recover the initial costs of designing, contracting and constructing projects to a LEED™ Silver Standard of no more than ten (10) years. Where the payback period is anticipated to be more than ten (10) years, City staff is directed to recommend to the City Council which level of LEED™ certification is appropriate for that particular project. If no level of LEED™ certification is feasible, then the project under consideration shall include as many principles of both the LEED™ program and the City's Green Building Program as are feasible.

Section 5: That City Council may grant exceptions to this Resolution when it deems appropriate.

Section 6: That City staff is hereby directed to take such further action necessary to implement this Resolution.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, this 26th day of June 2008.

ATTEST:

Maria Padilla
CITY CLERK

Phil Larrabee
MAYOR

CERTIFICATION

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing Resolution No. 4199 was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Chandler, Arizona, at a regular meeting held on the 26th day of June 2008, and that a quorum was present thereat.

Maria Padilla
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Maria Padilla
CITY ATTORNEY