

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MN  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2020-022

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A POLICY TO SUPPORT IMPROVED ENERGY  
PERFORMANCE STANDARDS IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**WHEREAS**, buildings account for approximately 40% of all the energy used in Minnesota and new development practices have the opportunity to make the greatest longstanding impact; and

**WHEREAS**, there is overwhelming scientific consensus that climate change is a significant threat to human civilization and is caused primarily by the combustion of fossil fuels; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Minnesota is not on track to meet its 80% carbon reduction by 2050 goal;

**WHEREAS**, the City of Northfield needs to meet our carbon reduction goal of being a 100% carbon-free community by 2040; and

**WHEREAS**, high efficiency construction presents opportunities for workers in manufacturing, construction, and service sectors, and it is essential that workers play a role in helping drive innovation towards a clean energy economy while creating and maintaining family-sustaining jobs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Northfield is interested in improving health and supporting economic development using environmentally conscious efforts; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Minnesota Climate Strategies and Economic Opportunities report identified implementation of a “stretch code” to improve energy efficiency as a leading cost-effective strategy in meeting the state’s 80% greenhouse gas reduction goal by 2050; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Northfield supports individual Minnesota cities having the option to adopt more stringent energy requirements for new construction and major renovation buildings as an issue of local autonomy,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Northfield, Minnesota that the City formally adopts a policy to support state legislation leading to higher performing commercial buildings through advanced energy performance standards.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 18th day of February, 2020.

ATTEST

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City Clerk

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Mayor

VOTE:    \_\_\_ POWNELL    \_\_\_ DELONG    \_\_\_ GRABAU    \_\_\_ NAKASIAN  
          \_\_\_ NESS    \_\_\_ PETERSON WHITE    \_\_\_ ZWEIFEL