

**RESOLUTION NO. 1937**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOLDEN CITY COUNCIL  
ESTABLISHING A LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY AND  
ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN GREEN BUILDING  
CERTIFICATION GOAL FOR MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS**

WHEREAS, buildings consume 72% of the electricity and 30% of the total waste generated in the United States according to the United States Green Building Council (USGBC); and

WHEREAS, green buildings reduce the use of non-renewable energy, minimize environmental pollutants, reduce the use of water, lower life-cycle costs, promote economic development and increase the productivity of the occupants; and

WHEREAS, the USGBC's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System and Certification is a nationally recognized standard for promoting sustainable, energy-efficient buildings that achieve significant cost savings over their lifespan; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Community Sustainability Advisory Board recommends a goal of LEED-NC Silver to highlight the City as a leader in green building and serve as an example for the development community regarding the City's commitment to sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the USGBC Green Building Rating System compliments existing policies related to energy efficiency and natural resource conservation including the Comprehensive Plan, Sustainability Initiative, and Resolution No. 1793 regarding targeted goals pertaining to new construction and reduction of city operations energy use.

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

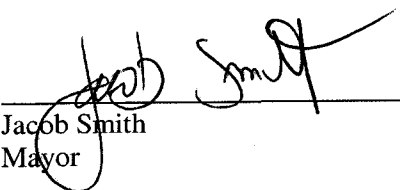
Section 1. The USGBC LEED Silver certification is hereby adopted as a standard for future renovations and new construction of municipal-owned buildings subject to the following criteria.

- A. This standard shall apply to buildings or building projects in excess of 5,000 square feet in area.
- B. Whenever feasible, the City will consider application of the standard for smaller size buildings and projects.
- C. Whenever project resources and conditions permit, buildings shall strive for the highest level of certification (currently Platinum).

Section 2. For buildings that are technically infeasible to obtain the LEED Silver designation, City staff shall incorporate as many best practices of green building as feasible into the design and construction process.

Section 3. City Council may grant exceptions to this Policy when it deems necessary.

Adopted this 4th day of December, 2008.

  
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Jacob Smith  
Mayor



*Susan M. Brooks*

Susan M. Brooks, MMC  
City Clerk

Approved as to form:

*David S. Williamson*

David S. Williamson  
City Attorney

I, Susan M. Brooks, City Clerk of the City of Golden, Colorado, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a certain Resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Golden, Colorado at a rescheduled regular business meeting thereof held on the 4th day of December, A.D., 2008.



ATTEST:

*Susan M. Brooks*

Susan M. Brooks, City Clerk of the City of  
Golden, Colorado