

City of Saint Paul

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Legislation Text

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Authorizing the City of Saint Paul Officials to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with Xcel Energy's Partners in Energy.

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul City Council and Mayor Chris Coleman are dedicated to making Saint Paul one of the most sustainable cities in the United States and to protecting our city's air, water, and urban landscape; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul City Council (RES 15-2093) reaffirmed its commitment to reducing GHG, joined the Compact of Mayors and pledged to meet a series of ambitious milestones outlined in the Compact, to report annually on progress, and to disclose publicly the following information within the next three years:

- Conduct a greenhouse gas emissions inventory for the City of Saint Paul consistent with the Global Protocol for Community-Scale Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventories (GPC), within one year or less.
- Identify the climate hazards faced by our city, within one year or less.
- Create reduction targets of greenhouse gas emissions and establish a system of measurement, within two years or less.
- Conduct a climate vulnerabilities assessment using a Compact standard, within two years or less.
- Establish a climate action plan which outlines the City's commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase local climate resiliency within three years or less; and

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul applied to and was approved to participate in Xcel Energy's Partners in Energy Program, which will provide the City with technical assistance to develop and implement an energy action plan; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Partners in Energy program will span 24 months with the initial 4-6 months dedicated to developing of a strategic energy action plan and the remaining time focused on implementation; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul City Council accepts the technical assistance and hereby authorizes the appropriate City officials to complete a memorandum of understanding with Xcel Energy.