

#R030-2013

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE ADOPTION OF SUSTAINABLE BUILDING PRACTICES FOR CIVIC,
COMMERCIAL AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, buildings account for 39% of CO2 emissions in the United States,

WHEREAS, buildings account for nearly 12% of potable water use, 65% of waste output, and 71% of electricity consumption in the U.S.,

WHEREAS, sustainable (or “high-performance” or “green”) building is a collection of better design, construction, and operating practices that have demonstrated the ability to reduce or eliminate the negative impacts of development on the environment and on human health,

WHEREAS, the Town of Hammonton desires to enhance public health and assure that commercial, residential and civic development is consistent with our desire to create a more sustainable community,

WHEREAS, the Town intends to support sustainable building through a variety of actions, including public education, a green building advisory list, and reviewing (at a future date to be determined) the Site Plan approval checklist to ensure it incorporates sustainable building standards appropriate to the town,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Hammonton hereby implements a Sustainable Building Policy such that the Town will consider appropriate and reasonable opportunities to incorporate sustainable building measures into the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of municipal buildings and facilities, and will encourage green design for commercial and residential buildings within the Town.

Adopted: February 25, 2013