

**A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED ACTIVITIES FOR THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION STRATEGY REQUIRED FOR THE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (2010-01-25/R-6)**

WHEREAS, the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program administered by the United States Department of Energy was authorized in Title V, Subtitle E of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007; and

WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5, appropriates funding for the United States Department of Energy to issue/award formula-based grants to units of local government under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill is a recipient of a formula-based award and is eligible to receive as much \$554,900 in funding; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill has applied to the United States Department of Energy for monies to develop the mandatory Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy with technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Chapel Hill has been awarded \$50,000 by the United States Department of Energy to develop an energy strategy with technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, the development of an energy strategy is consistent with the Council's Carbon Reduction Pledge (CRed) to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions from municipal operations; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainability, Energy and Environment (SEE) Committee has received and reviewed information concerning a variety of possible activities which could be pursued as part of an energy strategy; and

WHEREAS, the SEE Committee has developed a specific recommendation for the Council's consideration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of Chapel Hill that the Council approves the proposed activities for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy required for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Manager or his designee may be allowed to fulfill all the requirements necessary to apply for and receive all eligible funding under the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program.

This the 25<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010.