

RESOLUTION NUMBER 7475

A RESOLUTION OF THE MISSOULA CITY COUNCIL APPROVING THE MISSOULA POLICY STATEMENT FOR FOREST PRACTICES.

WHEREAS, forests are a vital part of the Clark Fork River basin that provide clean water, air, recreational opportunities, wildlife habitat, wilderness, biodiversity, natural processes, wood products and greatly enhance the quality of life for Missoula residents; and

WHEREAS, the Missoula Greenhouse Gas Energy Conservation Team has been charged to advise the Missoula City Council on ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as well as to aid in the community-wide education and communication of energy efficient opportunities that minimize greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, the Missoula Greenhouse Gas Energy Conservation Team recommended the Missoula City Council adopt this policy statement on forest practices;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Missoula, Montana to adopt a Policy Statement on Forest Practice with the following elements:

1. Utilize sustainably harvested local forest materials and locally produced wood products to minimize the impact of transportation of materials.
2. Support the sustainable and ecologically sound management of forests.
3. Support the use of wood waste material for the manufacturing of finished products, for energy production, and encourage recycling of wood products.
4. Promote strategic urban planting of trees with the following principles in mind: reduce cooling requirements in the summer; provide wind protection in the winter; plant diverse species of trees on public and private lands to sequester carbon dioxide; utilize "grey water" from private and public treatment systems in an environmentally-friendly manner.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of September, 2009.

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Martha L. Rehbein

Martha L. Rehbein
City Clerk

/s/ John Engen

John Engen
Mayor