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St. Louis City “Leads” by Adopting Green Building Ordinance

It’s a “Green Day” in St. Louis City as
LEED® Silver is the New City Standard

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The City of St. Louis took a tremendous step forward on February 20th as Mayor Francis Slay signed into ordinance Board Bill #323 directing the Board of Public Service to adopt the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System for all newly constructed city-owned facilities greater than five thousand (5000) square feet in size. The bill requires the buildings meet the LEED Silver level of certification as a minimum threshold of building performance.

The bill also directs The Board of Public Service to apply LEED principles included in LEED-New Construction, LEED-Commercial Interiors and LEED-Existing Buildings during retrofit and renovation projects of current standing facilities whenever it is practicable.

St. Louis joins Clayton as the second municipality in the region to adopt LEED Silver certification as the benchmark for city-owned properties. Green Building in the region continues to thrive as the St. Louis Regional Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) focuses its efforts on and educates public and private entities on the value of sustainable design.

In January of 2007, Pat Justis and Ralph Bicknese of the St. Louis Regional Chapter of the USGBC testified before St. Louis City department of Housing, Urban Development & Zoning Committee providing background information and statistical support for the bill.

The bill was authored and introduced by Alderman Alfred Wessels, and co-sponsored by President James Shrewsbury, Alderman/Alderwomen Craig Schmid, Phyllis Young, William Waterhouse, Stephen Gregali, Joseph Roddy, April Ford Griffin, Donna Baringer, and Kathlene Hanrahan.

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About U.S. Green Building Council-St. Louis Regional Chapter:

The U.S. Green Building Council is the nation’s foremost coalition of leaders from across the building industry working to promote buildings that are environmentally responsible, profitable and healthy places to live and work. The St. Louis Regional Chapter includes every segment of the building industry: architecture; engineering; construction; landscape architecture; interior design; product manufacturing and sales; facilities management; insurance; real estate; federal, state and local government and non-profit organizations.