

A RESOLUTION ON ADVANCING THE RACINE SMART CITY INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, no municipality has demonstrated a greater spirit of innovation or had a stronger claim to the title of “Invention City” than the City of Racine over nearly a 200-year span, having been the birthplace of so many important advancements with global impact; and

WHEREAS, Racine’s spirit of innovation has been driven by the ingenuity of its people combined with the City’s enduring commitment to building and maintaining public infrastructure—from roads and rail to the port and utilities—forming the solid foundation needed to support advancements in every sector; and

WHEREAS, the City of Racine seeks to continue its commitment to innovation by becoming Wisconsin’s first Smart City—a community that harnesses the power of today’s new public infrastructure of emerging information and communications technologies to enhance livability, workability, connectivity, civic engagement, equality of opportunity, and sustainability for its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the City of Racine seeks to launch a Smart City Initiative that will leverage its wide array of data—from emergency management, public safety, and water consumption to public health, transit, and traffic control—to drive more intelligent, effective, and efficient decision-making while protecting the privacy of its people; and

WHEREAS, its Smart City Initiative will provide the City of Racine with a key competitive advantage to fuel future economic development and vitality for its residents and businesses, alike;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RACINE:

That we hereby acknowledge, endorse, and support the Mayor’s efforts to:

1. Establish a Smart City Initiative to generate a broad range of benefits for businesses and residents
2. Seek Designation as a Smart City
3. Draft a Smart City Implementation Strategy
4. Participate in the Smart Cities Council Readiness Challenge, allowing the City to access best practices in use of integrated technology and systems implementation
5. Educate the public about the Smart City Initiative and its role in increasing citizen engagement, equity and inclusion, and economic growth
6. Create public-private partnerships to advance a Smart City Initiative
7. Solicit public and private funding and investments to continue expanding and upgrading the City’s Smart Cities technological infrastructure