

RESOLUTION NO. 20090820-041

WHEREAS, Council has adopted a Zero Waste strategy to reach its goal of achieving a 90 percent reduction in per capita solid waste disposal sent to landfills by 2040; and

WHEREAS, There is significant public interest in further reducing Austin's solid waste disposal; and

WHEREAS, Austin's current Commercial and Multi-Family Recycling Ordinance requires onsite recycling for Multi-Family properties with 100 or more units, businesses with 100 or more employees and office buildings with 100 or more employees; and

WHEREAS, On July 8, 2009 the City of Austin Solid Waste Advisory Commission approved and appointed a Recycling Ordinance Reform Sub-committee to lead a stakeholder process whose participants will include environmental advocates, development advocates, Multi-Family and Commercial property owners and managers, large Austin institutions and others with expertise and interest in recycling; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

The Recycling Ordinance Reform Sub-committee ("Sub-committee") is hereby directed to recommend reforms to the Commercial and Multi-Family Recycling Ordinance to further reduce waste disposal and increase recycling, source reduction, reuse and composting in the City of Austin.


1. The Sub-committee shall work with City staff and stakeholders to recommend a Recycling Ordinance that reflects additional measures for reducing waste disposal and increasing recycling, reuse and composting in the City of Austin.
2. The Sub-committee shall base its recommendations on the Austin Zero Waste Plan and additional measures shall be compatible with the Solid Waste Management Integrated Master Plan now being developed.
3. The Sub-committee shall meet at least bi-monthly.
4. The City Manager in conjunction with the Sub-committee shall report to the City Council with an update on progress not later than November 5, 2009.
5. The City Manager in conjunction with the Sub-committee shall present the final policy document to City Council on or before January 1, 2010.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is hereby directed to work with the Sub-committee and provide all necessary data and resources to meet the goals of this resolution.

ADOPTED: August 20, 2009

ATTEST:


Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk