

**ORDINANCE NO.**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-1-182 OF THE CITY CODE  
RELATING TO THE ZERO WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

**PART 1.** City Code Section 2-1-182 ( *Zero Waste Advisory Commission*) is amended to read:

**§ 2-1-182 Zero Waste Advisory Commission.**

- (A) The Zero Waste Advisory Commission should be composed of citizens of the city who have demonstrated their concern for and desire to improve the quality of solid waste management and materials/resource recovery in the city, and may include:
- (1) a person who has knowledge of or an interest or professional expertise in recycling, waste disposal, hazardous waste, or air quality; and
  - (2) a person who resides east of Interstate 35.
- (B) The director of the Austin Resource Recovery Department is an ex officio member of the board.
- (C) The commission is empowered to review and analyze the policies and resources relating to material discard [~~solid waste~~] management in the city, and to advise the city council on materials [~~solid waste~~] management policies and resources. The commission shall provide assistance to the city council to ensure its residents [~~citizens~~] that the City provides both an economical and environmentally safe system of waste reduction, resource recovery and disposal. The commission may provide assistance to the city council to protect the public health and quality of the environment through efficient collection, recycling, composting, and disposal of municipal solid waste.
- (D) The commission shall act as an advisory body to the city council and shall review programs and make recommendations regarding:
- (1) the City's waste discard stream;

- 1 (2) minimization of environmental impacts due to materials management and  
2 waste disposal;
- 3 (3) implementation of programs that achieve the city's goals and objectives  
4 relating to materials [~~solid waste~~] management, including recycling,  
5 composting, alternative methods of waste disposal, garbage collection, and  
6 landfill diversion; and
- 7 (4) zero waste programs.

8 (E) The commission shall hold public hearings, initiate studies, review and make  
9 reports and recommendations to the city council, or other appropriate boards  
10 and commissions concerning:

- 11 (1) Austin Resource Recovery capital improvement project proposals;
- 12 (2) Austin Resource Recovery bond programs;
- 13 (3) hazardous waste materials management;
- 14 (4) materials management [~~waste stream~~] planning and reduction of the waste-  
15 stream;
- 16 (5) citizens' evaluation on solid waste and materials management matters;
- 17 (6) incentives for participation in materials recovery programs;
- 18 (7) air quality as it relates to or is affected by waste disposal;
- 19 (8) alternative methods of waste disposal;
- 20 (9) City's annual budget proposal for Austin Resource Recovery Department;
- 21 (10) cost effectiveness and financial impact of solid waste and materials  
22 recovery programs;
- 23 (11) proposed and existing solid waste facilities within the city and outside the  
24 city if they have the potential to affect the city;
- 25 (12) solid waste collection and disposal, and materials management [~~solid~~  
26 ~~waste~~] programs which have the potential to affect the city and make  
27 recommendations to the city council;
- 28 (13) effectiveness of [~~solid waste programs and~~] materials management on an  
29 annual basis;

- 1 (14) inventory of the City's solid waste and materials management systems;
- 2 (15) use or disposition of equipment purchased for Austin Resource Recovery  
3 Department facilities [~~the resource recovery programs~~];
- 4 (16) contractual obligations relating to Austin Resource Recovery Department  
5 facilities [~~the resource recovery plant~~];
- 6 (17) creation of a diversified short and long term materials [~~solid waste~~]  
7 management strategy pending federal legislation;
- 8 (18) zero waste programs, including reuse, recycling, and composting  
9 programs;
- 10 (19) landfill diversion;
- 11 (20) product stewardship, including but not limited to electronic discard [~~waste~~]  
12 take-back programs; and
- 13 (21) reduction of carbon emissions and carbon footprint as it relates to materials  
14 management [~~solid waste~~].

15 (F) The commission may also exercise the following oversight functions:

- 16 (1) work with staff to develop programs to implement the commission's duties  
17 and responsibilities;
- 18 (2) evaluate the economic feasibility and impacts of its goals and objectives  
19 programs;
- 20 (3) coordinate with the staff for utilization of staff time and resources for  
21 liaison activities with the commission;
- 22 (4) make policy and budget recommendations to the city council relating to  
23 zero [~~solid~~] waste program implementation;
- 24 (5) review materials management [~~waste disposal~~] program implementation  
25 strategies as they are developed;
- 26 (6) review staff progress toward successful implementation of materials [~~solid~~]  
27 waste] management on a periodic basis;
- 28 (7) review staff reports and studies relating to commission programs,  
29 including economic and rate impacts and environmental effects;

