

RESOLUTION NO.

WHEREAS, consistent with its goal to make Austin the most livable city in the country, the Austin City Council adopted Resolution Number 20050519-44, supporting the United Nations Environmental Accord and committed the City to achieving a 20 percent reduction in per capita solid waste disposal to landfills and incinerators by 2012, and Zero Waste to landfills and incinerators by 2040; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2009115-050 in support of the City of Austin Zero Waste Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin's Zero Waste Goal is to reduce by 90 percent the amount of waste sent from this jurisdiction to the landfill by the year 2040; and

WHEREAS, in support of this goal, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 20090820-041 directing the City Manager to provide staff support to the City's Solid Waste Advisory Commission's Recycling Ordinance Reform Subcommittee by meeting with affected stakeholders to develop recommendations to amend the City's Recycling Ordinance to further reduce waste disposal and increase recycling, source reduction, reuse and composting in the City of Austin; and

WHEREAS, the City's Solid Waste Advisory Commission's Recycling Ordinance Reform Subcommittee met with affected stakeholders to develop such recommendations which in turn the Solid Waste Advisory Commission has considered, adopted and endorsed; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered the Commercial/Multi-family Recycling Ordinance: Report and Recommendations Phase 1 and

recommendations from the City's Solid Waste Advisory Commission and Solid Waste Services Department regarding proposed amendments to the City's current recycling regulations (Universal Recycling Regulations) at the November 4, 2010 Council Meeting and finds that these recommendations further and promote important Zero Waste priorities and environmental goals while remaining sensitive to the needs and concerns of affected stakeholders and while remaining compatible with the Solid Waste Management Integrated Master Plan currently under development by the City; **NOW THEREFORE,**

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

The City Council initiates the proposed impervious cover, parking and design recommendations in the Commercial/Multi-family Recycling Ordinance: Report and Recommendations Phase 1 of October 28, 2010 and directs the City Manager to process the amendments to Title 25 of the City Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager may consider the following tools to implement the Universal Recycling regulations:

- online data monitoring;
- provisions of resources for education, and technical assistance to affect property owners;
- evaluation of parking considerations for recycling and composting service providers; and
- evaluation of City relationships with non-profit organizations that may be affected by the Universal Recycling regulations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager shall review and make recommendations to the City Council to amend the Universal Recycling regulations and any related rules every two years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to continue working with the Apartment Association to find an amenable mechanism to encourage tenant recycling and make recommendations to Council before October 1, 2013.

ADOPTED: _____, 2010

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk