

City of Providence

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CHAPTER 2012-28

No. 311

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 45

Approved June 8, 2012

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

SECTION 1. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence, Chapter 2, Section 45 is hereby amended as follows:

Sec. 2-45. – Sustainability Director

The position of sustainability director is hereby established.

(1) *Appointment.* The sustainability director is to be appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council. The sustainability director shall be a full-time employee and shall not serve in any other capacity, or position within the city. The sustainability director shall have the status of a department head. The sustainability director shall serve at the pleasure of the mayor.

(2) *Credentials.* The sustainability director shall be a person holding at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, and who has had a minimum of five (5) years' experience in the administration or supervision of developing and implementing a Sustainability Action Plan or who has relevant experience.

(3) *Mission.* The mission of the sustainability director is to provide a better quality of life for all residents while maintaining nature's ability to function over time by minimizing waste, preventing pollution, promoting efficiency, and developing local resources to revitalize the local economy, as well as reducing energy consumption in city-owned facilities, to cost effectively lower utility operating costs, and to insure occupant comfort and safety in city facilities.

(4) *Duties.* In pursuing the above referenced mission, the duties of the sustainability director shall include, but are not limited to the following:

- a. Document the city's use of natural resources, including but not limited to electricity, vehicle fuel, and heating, and the costs associated, to determine the city's total carbon footprint.
- b. Recommend sound policies for energy conservation.
- c. Develop long-range plans for implementing innovations reducing the city's use of resources.
- d. Review periodically this code and other applicable laws and recommend to the council appropriate changes to the code.
- e. Monitor the implementation and enforcement of policies and ordinances enacted by the city aimed at improving sustainability.

f. Develop and implement the city's Sustainability Action Plan (SAP) in coordination with the Environmental Sustainability Task Force. The SAP shall serve as the framework for a coherent set of strategies, policies and programs dedicated to reducing the carbon footprint of municipal government and the city of Providence as a whole. The sustainability director shall annually update the SAP and shall submit a report on the progress of the SAP to the mayor and the city council.

g. Develop and promulgate regulations related to the above referenced mission.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

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Date: 6/8/12