

CHAPTER 2021-17

**No. 238 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 "ADMINISTRATION" BY
REPEALING ARTICLE II, SECTION 2-45 AND ADDING ARTICLE VIII ½
"OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY"**

Approved June 1, 2021

Be it ordained by the City of Providence:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 2 "Administration", Article II "Mayor and City Council", Sec. 2-45 "Sustainability Director" is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2.

Chapter 2 "Administration" is hereby amended by adding Article VIII ½ "Office of Sustainability" as follows:

ARTICLE VIII ½ - Office of Sustainability

Sec. 2-141. Established.

There is hereby established an Office of Sustainability.

Sec. 2-142. Director.

There shall be a director of sustainability appointed by the mayor with the approval of the council. The Director of Sustainability shall be a full-time employee and shall not serve in any other capacity or position within the city. The Director of Sustainability shall have the status of a department head and shall serve at the pleasure of the mayor. The Director of Sustainability 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 other relevant experience.

Sec. 2-143. Purpose and Duties.

- (a) The Office of Sustainability will create policies and programs to create and promote a healthy, low-carbon, climate resilient and environmentally just city. The office will adopt and promote the following citywide goals:
 - (1) A carbon neutral city by 2050, with the following interim targets:
 - a. 50% carbon free electricity by 2035 and 100% carbon free electricity by 2050, 30% of which is local renewable generation;
 - b. 48% of residential heating will be converted to heat pumps by 2035 and 90% will be converted by 2050;
 - c. 45% of commercial heating will be converted to heat pumps by 2035 and 85% will be converted by 2050;
 - d. 11% reduction in Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) by 2035 and a 20% reduction by 2050;
 - e. 43% of VMTs will be by vehicles powered by electricity by 2035 and 85% will be by 2050.

- f. 100% of municipal buildings' electricity will be renewable by 2030;
 - g. 100% of municipal buildings' heating will be renewable by 2040;
 - h. 100% of the city's fleet and school buses will use renewable energy by 2040;
 - (2) Access to housing with affordable, efficient and clean energy, while eliminating fossil fuel use in all buildings;
 - (3) Healthy air and community spaces free from pollution, with a focus on port-area neighborhoods and other communities exposed to the highest rates of pollution;
 - (4) A sustainable, zero-waste economy, with a focus on support for local businesses;
 - (5) Access to clean and efficient public transportation and infrastructure that support walking and bicycling, and otherwise reducing carbon and co-pollutants;
 - (6) Preparing the city for the impacts of climate change.
- (b) The duties of the Office of Sustainability shall include, but are not limited to, the following:
- (1) Monitoring and documenting citywide carbon pollution and co-pollutants;
 - (2) Monitoring progress for meeting goals and targets set forth in this ordinance and in the Sustainable Providence and Climate Justice Plans by maintaining a public-facing online dashboard that tracks the Plans' metrics and targets;
 - (3) Reviewing the city's Capital Improvement Plan to ensure infrastructure and other investments are aligned with goals and targets set forth in this ordinance and in the Sustainable Providence and Climate Justice Plans;
 - (4) Monitoring the implementation and enforcement of policies and ordinances aimed at improving sustainability;
 - (5) Producing a comprehensive update to the Sustainability and Climate Justice Plans every five (5) years, based on the most up-to-date science and community input;
 - (6) Producing a comprehensive greenhouse gas inventory every three (3) years, in accordance with the Global Protocol for Community-Scale Greenhouse Gas Emissions;
 - (7) Partnering and collaborating with environmental justice communities;
 - (8) Producing annual reports for the mayor and council including, but not limited to, the status of the City's progress in achieving each of the purposes set forth in paragraph 2 above, and all matters monitored and documented by the Office of Sustainability;
 - (9) Developing and promulgating regulations to reflect and implement the purposes of the Office of Sustainability.


Sec. 2-144. Sustainability Commission.

- (a) There shall be a Sustainability Commission consisting of eleven (11) members, three (3) of whom shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the mayor, three (3) of whom shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the council; two (2) of whom shall be appointed by the by the Racial and Environmental Justice Committee (REJC) or other local Environmental Justice organization; two (2) of whom shall be appointed by youth-led organizations; and one (1) of whom shall be appointed by the Environmental Council of Rhode Island.

- (1) Members shall serve for no more than six consecutive (6) years.
 - (2) Members shall have strong community ties and a wide range of expertise related to community needs and priorities, sustainability and climate policies.
 - (3) Membership of the Sustainability Commission should reflect diverse constituents and businesses.
- (b) The Sustainability Commission shall meet as often as necessary to fulfill the following responsibilities:
- (1) Advise the council, mayor, municipal departments, and other boards and commissions on the city's sustainability and climate agenda;
 - (2) Review the Office of Sustainability reports referenced in paragraph 3.(b) above prior to their submission to the mayor and the council;
 - (3) Produce an annual report to the mayor and the council that highlights sustainability accomplishments from the previous year, and community priorities going forward;
 - (4) Provide a level of accountability and transparency for the sustainability initiatives the city is currently implementing or planning to implement.
- (c) City departments, agencies and staff shall cooperate with the Commission by providing timely providing all relevant documents and information requested.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

IN CITY COUNCIL
MAY 6 2021
FIRST READING
READ AND PASSED
 CLERK

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FINAL READING
READ AND PASSED
JOHN J. IGLIOZZI, PRESIDENT
 CLERK

I HEREBY APPROVE.



Mayor
Date: 6/1/21



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Memorandum

To: Providence City Council and Gina Costa, Internal Auditor
From: Leah Bamberger, Director of Sustainability
RE: Fiscal Note for an Ordinance 30887
Date: May 20, 2021

Upon passage of the ordinance amending chapter 2 "Administration" by repealing Article II, Section 2-45 and adding Article VIII ½ "Office of Sustainability," the Office of Sustainability will remain in Public Property's budget for Fiscal Year 2022 but starting in FY2023, we intend to build out capacity in the Office of Sustainability to be a stand-alone department.

		FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	5 Year Total
Salaries							
	Director	83,566	83,566	84,402	85,246	86,098	422,877
	Energy Manager	57,846	57,846	58,424	59,009	59,599	292,724
	Sustainability Policy Associate		57,663	58,240	58,822	59,410	234,135
	Sustainability Strategy Manager		57,846	58,424	59,009	59,599	234,878
	Fiscal Support			58,760	59,347	59,941	178,048
	TOTAL SALARIES:	141,412	256,921	318,250	321,432	324,647	1,362,662
Benefits							
	FICA	10,818	19,654	24,346	24,590	24,835	104,244
	Pension	40,500	73,582	91,147	92,058	92,979	390,266
	Health Insurance	12,950	45,580	45,580	45,580	45,580	195,270
	Dental	728	3,038	3,038	3,038	3,038	12,880
	TOTAL BENEFITS:	64,996	141,855	164,111	165,266	166,432	702,660
Expenses							
	Dues & Subscriptions	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	3,200	16,000
	Program Expense	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000	110,000
	Misc Expenses	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	150,000
	Misc Materials & supply	11,860	11,860	11,860	11,860	11,860	59,300
	Copier Lease			1,500	1,500	1,500	4,500
	Travel/Training			2,500	2,500	2,500	7,500
	TOTAL EXPENSES:	155,060	155,060	159,060	159,060	159,060	787,300
	TOTAL BUDGET:	361,468	553,836	641,421	645,758	650,139	2,852,622

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Existing Budgeted Sustainability Salary, Benefits, and Expenses						
Included in Public Property	(251,468)	(443,836)	(427,633)	(431,095)	(434,590)	(1,988,622)
Included in Grants	(110,000)	(110,000)	(110,000)	(110,000)	(110,000)	(550,000)
TOTAL EXISTING:	(361,468)	(553,836)	(537,633)	(541,095)	(544,590)	(2,538,622)
NET IMPACT:	-	-	103,788	104,664	105,549	314,000
FY2022	-	-	-	-	-	-
FY2023			103,788	103,788	103,788	311,363
FY2024				876	876	1,753
FY2025					885	885
						314,000

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