

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No.

Approved

WHEREAS, on June 11, 2012, the 2012 Charter Review Commission submitted its report and recommended amendments to the Providence Home Rule Charter to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council accepted the 2012 Charter Review Commission Report on June 21, 2012, and referred it to the Committee on Ordinances for consideration;

WHEREAS, the City Council Committee on Ordinances conducted a public hearing on July 26, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the City Council Committee on Ordinances considered various aspects of the 2012 Charter Review Commission Report and the recommendations therein, as well as additional proposed Charter amendments, and adopted certain of the recommendations and proposed amendments on July 26, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the various proposed amendments to the Providence Home Rule Charter adopted by the City Council Committee on Ordinances must be transmitted to the Rhode Island Secretary of State no later than August 8, 2012 in order to appear on the ballot for the General Election to be held in November 2012;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, DECREED AND ORDERED:

That the following ballot questions, as adopted on _____, 2012, be submitted to the Rhode Island Secretary of State to appear on the November 2012 ballot:

Shall the Department of Sustainability be established by Charter? [Adds Section 1015]

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The amendment would add a department of sustainability, which was established by ordinance in 2012.

§1015 - Department of Sustainability.

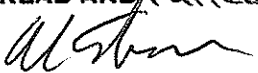
There shall be a department of sustainability, the head of which shall be the director of sustainability, who shall be a person holding at least a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, and who has had a minimum of five (5) years' experience in the administration or supervision of developing and implementing a sustainability action plan (SAP) or who has relevant experience.


- (a) Mission: The mission of the department shall be to provide a better quality of life for city residents while maintaining nature's ability to function over time by preventing pollution, promoting efficiency, and developing local resources to revitalize the local economy as well as reducing energy consumption and costs.
- (b) Powers and Duties: The powers and duties of the department of sustainability shall include, without limitation, the following:
- (1) The department shall produce a sustainability action plan to 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;
 - (2) The department shall submit an annual report on the progress of the sustainability action plan to the mayor and the city council, and shall develop an updated sustainability action plan at least every six years;
 - (3) The department shall provide expertise and information to support the sustainable efforts of the city;
 - (4) The department may review and make recommendations on any policy proposed for adoption by any city agency regarding conformity with the long-term plans for environmental sustainability;
 - (5) The department shall educate and engage the public in efforts to make the community of Providence, including residents, businesses, and institutions, more sustainable; and
 - (6) The department may establish a continuing fund for the purposes of promoting sustainability.

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