



Req. #12911

## RESOLUTION NO. 38247

1 A RESOLUTION relating to the City's vision and definition of sustainability;  
2 establishing the City's vision and definition of sustainability; and establishing  
3 a framework for the City to track and report on its progress toward  
4 achievement of its vision of sustainability.

5 WHEREAS the City endeavors to be recognized as a "livable and  
6 progressive international city, regarded for the richness of its multicultural  
7 population," and

8 WHEREAS the City realizes that the natural resources essential to the  
9 economic, social, and cultural well-being of its citizens are finite, and

10 WHEREAS the City recognizes its responsibility to improve human  
11 health while supporting a diverse community with equitable access to  
12 opportunities, and

13 WHEREAS the City recognizes the value of cultural contributions, such  
14 as the arts, innovation, heritage, recreation, and the overall value of a high  
15 quality of life for its citizens, and

16 WHEREAS the City recognizes that protection, preservation, and  
17 restoration of local and regional ecological quality is vital for our economic,  
18 social, and cultural well-being, and

19 WHEREAS the City seeks to strengthen its position as a vibrant  
20 economic center and as a destination for investment, thus supporting local  
21 business, and

22 WHEREAS "sustainability" is used by international, national, and local  
23 organizations to mean consideration of environmental, economic, social, and  
24 cultural values in decision making, and  
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WHEREAS Tacoma’s Climate Action Plan seeks “to guide the reduction of greenhouse gases and provide a blueprint to grow our local economy, to make Tacoma more livable and more attractive, to allow our citizens to be healthier, and to advance sustainability for the long term,” and

WHEREAS, on October 31, 2008, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 37631, creating the Office of Sustainability and establishing the Sustainable Tacoma Commission on Climate Change; Now, Therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:**

Section 1. That the City’s vision of sustainability is: (1) Tacoma will achieve exceptional quality of life for every generation and will leave a legacy of stewardship and (2) Tacoma will achieve lasting and equitable prosperity; build a safe, healthy, attractive, and vibrant community; and minimize negative impacts in order to conserve the natural resources that sustain it.

Section 2. That the City’s definition of sustainability is: The City and its citizens meet current needs without compromising the needs of future generations, such that environmental, social, cultural, and economic considerations are balanced and integrated in a day-to-day, decision-making manner.

Section 3. That the City’s vision and definition of sustainability will guide and inform City policy; decision-making by City staff, boards, and commissions; and the legislative decisions of the City Council.

Section 4. That the City will define goals toward achieving its vision and implementing its definition of sustainability and measure and report yearly



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progress by defining City government and community sustainability indicators, such as the energy use consumption of the City government itself; and that the City will adopt five- and ten-year targets for each defined sustainability indicator, starting in the year 2011.

Section 5. That, in addition to its duties regarding implementation of the Climate Action Plan, the Sustainable Tacoma Commission on Climate Change will be responsible for overseeing, coordinating, communicating, and encouraging public involvement regarding sustainability initiatives as are consistent with the City's vision and definition of sustainability.

Section 6. That, in addition to implementing the Climate Action Plan, the Office of Sustainability will be responsible for researching policies, establishing sustainability goals for City government and the community, supporting implementation, integrating values, recommending and promoting practices, and partnering with government and businesses to advance the City's vision and definition of sustainability within the City and the region.

Adopted APR 19 2011

*Marilyn Stoddard*  
Mayor

Attest:  
*Doris Scarum*  
City Clerk

Approved as to form:  
*Marianne P. Lentz*  
Deputy City Attorney



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CITY CLERK USE ONLY

REQUEST FOR
ORDINANCE RESOLUTION

Request #:

12911

Ord./Res. #:

38217

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE

1. DATE: April 6, 2011

2. SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER(S) NA (If no sponsor, enter "N/A")

Form with sections 3a, 3b, 3c, 4a, 4b, 4c containing request details, contact information, and signatures.

5. REQUESTED COUNCIL DATE: April 19, 2011

(If a specific council meeting date is required, explain why; i.e., grant application deadline, contract expiration date, required contract execution date, public notice or hearing required, etc.)

6. SUMMARY AGENDA TITLE: (A concise sentence, as it will appear on the Council agenda.)

The City Council defines and recommitts to sustainability.

7. BACKGROUND INFORMATION/GENERAL DISCUSSION: (Why is this request necessary? Are there legal requirements? What are the viable alternatives? Who has been involved in the process?)

The Sustainable Tacoma Commission brought this policy recommendation to EPW numerous times and most recently passed on March 23, 2011. This resolution brings clarity to the City's definition of sustainability and recommitts the City to track and report on our progress.

8. LIST ALL MATERIAL AVAILABLE AS BACKUP INFORMATION FOR THE REQUEST AND INDICATE WHERE FILED:

Table with 2 columns: Source Documents/Backup Material, Location of Document. Row 1: 2008 Climate Action Plan, www.Cityoftacoma.org/sustainability. Row 2: On File with Clerk's Office.

9. WHICH OF THE CITY'S STRATEGIC GOALS DOES THIS ITEM SUPPORT? (CHECK THE GOAL THAT BEST APPLIES)

- A. A SAFE, CLEAN AND ATTRACTIVE COMMUNITY
B. A DIVERSE, PRODUCTIVE AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY
C. A HIGH-PERFORMING, OPEN AND ENGAGED GOVERNMENT

**REQUEST (CONT)**

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**10. IF THIS CONTRACT IS FOR AN AMOUNT OF \$200,000 OR LESS, EXPLAIN WHY IT NEEDS LEGISLATIVE APPROVAL:**

**11. FINANCIAL IMPACT:**       EXPENDITURE       REVENUE

- A.  NO IMPACT (NO FISCAL NOTE)
- B.  YES, OVER \$100,000, Fiscal Note Attached
- C.  YES, UNDER \$100,000, (NO FISCAL NOTE)  
Provide funding source information below:

**FUNDING SOURCE: (Enter amount of funding from each source)**

Fund Number & Name:	State \$	City \$	Other \$	Total Amount
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If an expenditure, is it budgeted?     Yes     No    Where? Cost Center:  
Acct #:

Resolution No. 3824<sup>r</sup>

Adopted: ~~APRIL~~ APRIL 19, 2011

Maker of Motion: WALKER

Seconded: LONERGAN

Voice Vote:

MEMBERS	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Boe	✓			
Mr. Campbell	✓			
Mr. Fey	✓			
Mr. Lonergan	✓			
Mr. Manthou	✓			
Mr. Mello	✓			
Ms. Walker	✓			
Ms. Woodards	✓			
Mayor Strickland	✓			

Roll Call Vote:

MEMBERS	AYES	NAYS	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
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