

Resolution _____

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TAMPA (“CITY”) TO ENACT AND IMPLEMENT MEASURES AND EMPLOY ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES, POLICIES, AND METHODS TO ACHIEVE THE GOAL OF BEING DESIGNATED A FLORIDA GREEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY THE FLORIDA GREEN BUILDING COALITION,” AND ADOPT ADDITIONAL ORDINANCES, LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS, AND REGULATORY STANDARDS IF NECESSARY, TO ASSURE THAT FURTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE CITY’S DESIRE TO CREATE A MORE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, a sustainable city is a community that meets the environmental needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa (hereinafter referred to as “City”) desires to continue to be recognized as a diverse, progressive city celebrated as the most desirable place to live, learn, work, and play; and

WHEREAS, green building and sustainability are an evolving, systematic process; and,

WHEREAS, this process must continuously adapt and improve itself as more is learned about achieving and improving upon local sustainability; and

WHEREAS, government has a greater responsibility to lead by example and create a sustainable city; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Pam Iorio has publicly declared our City’s commitment to the reduction of global warming pollutants, by signing the U.S. Mayor’s Climate Protection Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the City is a member of the United States Green Building Council (hereinafter referred to as “USGBC”) and the Florida Green Building Coalition (hereinafter referred to as “FGBC”); and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to lead by demonstrating sustainable stewardship that will yield cost savings to taxpayers by reducing City operating costs, provide a healthy work environment for City staff and visitors, protect, conserve and enhance the City’s resources, and establish community standards of sustainable living practices; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that green building measures applied to the design, construction, and maintenance of buildings would encourage resource conservation, reduce the waste generated by construction projects, increase energy efficiency, and promote the health and productivity of residents, workers, and visitors to the City; and

WHEREAS, many homeowners, businesses, and building professionals have voluntarily sought to incorporate green building techniques into their projects; and

WHEREAS, at the national level, the USGBC, developer of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (“LEED®”) Green Building Rating System, has become a leader in promoting

and developing green building practices and the FGBC has become a leader in promoting and developing green building practices in Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL

OF THE CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The City continues in its commitment to obtain Designation as a Florida Green Local Government from the FGBC, by October 2010, using its Green Local Government Standards.

Section 2. The Mayor has designated a senior staff member as the City's Green Officer (hereinafter referred to as the "CGO") who will undertake the following as the mission and guiding principles for his duties:

(1.) The mission of the CGO is to make the City in its operations and all other functions a model of sustainability, integrating the important goals of ecological preservation and restoration into all aspects of municipal government.

(2.) The CGO will develop and recommend additional green building and sustainable design practices and standards, monitor and review the provisions of other City ordinances and regulations, including the Tampa Comprehensive Plan for changes that will promote green building and sustainable design. The CGO will administer a community outreach program for green building and sustainable design including, but not limited to, undertaking educational and research programs, providing educational materials, seminars, and advice to business, neighborhood and civic groups on green building and sustainable design standards.

(3.) In pursuing these goals, the CGO will encourage and facilitate the collaborative efforts of the City's employees, civic, and corporate citizens to generate knowledge, acquire skills, develop values, and initiate practices that contribute to a sustainable, high quality of life in the City, State of Florida, and across the globe. The CGO will assume a leadership role to transform the following guiding principles into practices:

Research

Stimulate and facilitate Tampa Bay Area research and development efforts in sustainability related areas, including the promotion of service learning and the empowerment of employees, residents, developers and others to engage the City as a living laboratory for sustainability.

Service, Outreach, and Extension

Facilitate the engagement of all employees to stimulate service, outreach, and other efforts that promote sustainable practices within community and economic development.

Energy Conservation and Climate Change

Monitor and minimize energy consumption, reduce and offset greenhouse gas emissions, and promote the development and use of renewable energy sources.

Land and Resource Management

Manage City lands and encourage the management of private lands in a sustainable manner to conserve, protect, and restore natural systems, natural resources, and biodiversity.

Built Environment

Construct and renovate the built environment to high standards of energy, water, and materials efficiency with minimum impacts on local ecosystems.

Waste Reduction

Reduce waste streams and promote closed cycle materials practices.

Procurement

Subscribe to procurement policies and practices that support environmentally responsible products and services.

Transportation

Develop incentives and infrastructure for walking, cycling, ride-sharing, public transportation and mass transit.

Stewardship

Encourage all citizens of the City to take responsibility for the interdependent environmental, economic, and social consequences of their actions.

(4.) The City currently has at least one person on staff accredited as a professional by the USGBC and the FGBC, assigned the following continuing education responsibilities: (a.) provide ongoing comprehensive training to relevant City staff as needed on sustainability issues; (b.) at least once annually, participate in training for the development community and to all other interested persons in the latest green building techniques and standards. This effort will be in conjunction with the local chapter of the USGBC's continuing education programs to encourage and facilitate training, education and other appropriate collaborative efforts for City employees and interested citizens, to generate knowledge, skills, values, and practices that contribute to a sustainable, high quality of life in the City, the State of Florida, and across the globe.

(5.) The CGO will ensure that the City's main website includes comprehensive sustainability web pages that address the City's various sustainability ordinances and programs. In addition, the City's sustainability page(s) will include links to websites that foster sustainability efforts in the Tampa Bay area, around the state, and nationally.

(6.) The CGO will provide the City Council with an annual written sustainability report on the City's progress in regard to all aspects of sustainability including, but not limited to the following: (a.) its internal energy and water use, (b.) its efforts to identify and reduce its "carbon footprint" and (c.) the effectiveness of its policies and practices that support the use of environmentally responsible products and services. The annual report will also include data on public and private construction of green versus non-green buildings along with any recommendations to Council on new policies and/or ordinances to improve performance by the City and the private sector.

(7.) The CGO will work with the City's Purchasing Director and other City departments to increase the fuel efficiency ratings of its entire fleet of vehicles through the purchase of smaller and more fuel efficient vehicles, wherever feasible.

Section 3. The CGO will coordinate programs that will help the City fulfill its commitment to the U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement.

Section 4. The City will review existing land development regulations ("LDR") regularly to remove impediments, barriers or contradictions, which prevent or impair the efficient and expedited application of green building practices, and to propose additional appropriate City of Tampa code revisions that further green building and sustainable design efforts.

Section 5. The City will assemble incentive packages for private property owners to encourage the implementation of green building and sustainable design practices, which may include, but not be limited to, federal and state tax rebates, rebates and refunds from various quasi-governmental agencies and authorities, utility companies, bonus densities, bonus floor area ratio (FAR) intensities, increased height allowances, the use of Transfer of Development Rights ("TDR"), various private sector endowments and philanthropic efforts, and upon completion, the CGO will create and update on a regular basis a document listing all of the possible resources.

Section 6. The City will develop green building and sustainable practices training programs for all City Department staff involved with development review, permitting, and inspections, within six (6) months after the adoption of this Resolution, and have all appropriate City review, permitting and inspection staff trained within twenty-four (24) months.

Section 7. That the proper officers of the City of Tampa are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary and proper in order to carry out and make effective the provisions of this Resolution.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TAMPA, FLORIDA,
ON _____.**

ATTEST:

City Clerk/Deputy City Clerk

Chairman/Chairman Pro-Tem, City Counsel

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