

**ORDINANCE
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CITY OF NEW ORLEANS**

CITY HALL: December 15, 2016

CALENDAR NO. 31,685

NO. 27258 MAYOR COUNCIL SERIES

BY: COUNCILMEMBER RAMSEY

AN ORDINANCE to establish the Environmental Advisory Committee to advise and recommend to the Council guiding principles and policies relative to environmental, resiliency and sustainability issues; and otherwise to provide with respect thereto.

WHEREAS, the Council desires to promote the environmental goals of the Plan for the 21st Century: New Orleans 2030, including citywide preparation for future climate change; encouraging the development and use of alternative forms of transportation; expanding renewable energy technology development, production, and use; and promoting the use of recycling and other waste diversion and reduction strategies; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Orleans has been chosen as one of Rockefeller's 100 Resilient Cities in order to become more resilient to the physical, social and economic challenges that are a growing part of the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, the City's participation in and promotion of green initiatives such as promoting the use of recycling and other waste diversion and reduction strategies conserves valuable resources, and supports the City's Resilience plan by leveraging sustainability as a growth strategy, supporting more equitable public health outcomes for everyone in our community, creating a culture of environmental awareness, and significantly reducing the

volume of material disposed at landfills, thereby extending the use of resources for future generations while minimizing disposal costs; and

WHEREAS, the development of markets for recyclable materials is essential to effective waste diversion programs and it is, therefore, necessary to include efforts to close the recycling loop by assisting in the development of markets for products which contain recycled materials or are reusable or recyclable; and

WHEREAS, promoting recycling and a zero waste strategy is consistent with the goals of The Plan for the 21st Century: New Orleans 2030, the Resilience Plan, and is supported by a broad coalition of individuals and groups, including the New Orleans Regional Sustainability Committee, the Water Collaborative, Employ, LifeCity, GSREIA, the Environmental Education Collaborative, the Greater New Orleans Foundation, the U.S. Green Building Council, the French Quarter Business Association, and the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Orleans is a member of the Southeast Louisiana Clean Fuel Partnership, the U.S. Department of Energy Clean Cities Coalition for the southeast Louisiana region with the mission to promote cleaner transportation options, such as electric vehicles (“EV”).

WHEREAS, Promoting the use of electric vehicles (“EV”) and the infrastructure necessary to support their growth is consistent with the goals of the Master Plan and is supported by a broad coalition of individuals and groups, such as the Southeast Louisiana Clean Fuel Partnership, the Regional Planning Commission, the U.S. Green Building Council, and the Algiers Point Association.

WHEREAS, Increasing environmentally conscious and sustainable policies throughout the City’s by creating a citizen advisory committee that will develop and suggest methods to

incorporate sustainable and environmentally conscious practices into decisions related to infrastructure, facilities, sanitation, education, and design improvements is in the public's best interest; and

WHEREAS, The people of the City of New Orleans and the Parish of Orleans, in their adoption of the Home Rule Charter for the City of New Orleans, intended to possess and exercise the broadest rights, powers, privileges, and authority of self-government permitted under the Constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, It belongs to the Council, as the legislative branch of government, to exert police powers of the City and to determine, primarily, what measures are appropriate or needful for the protection, promotion, and development of the public health, safety, morals, welfare, comfort, interest, prosperity, tranquility, and convenience of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-127 of the Charter provides, "The Council may appoint advisory committees which shall exist for not more than one year from the date of appointment, but which may be reappointed from year to year." The function of advisory committees appointed pursuant to Section 3-127 is to provide counsel and advice; and

WHEREAS, The Council wishes to appoint an advisory committee to provide advice and counsel with respect to the incorporation of sustainability and environmental policies and practices in the City of New Orleans; **NOW THEREFORE**

1 **SECTION 1. THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS HEREBY**
2 **ORDAINS**, That an advisory committee, to be known as the Environmental Advisory
3 Committee ("Advisory Committee"), is hereby established to provide advice, feedback, and
4 subject matter expertise to the Council with respect to all matters relating to environment and
5 sustainability.

1 **SECTION 2.** That the Advisory Committee shall specifically recommend guiding
2 principles and practices to achieve the goals of the Master Plan and Resiliency Plan such as:

- 3 (1) Reducing greenhouse gas pollution and energy use;
- 4 (2) Increasing resilience of energy infrastructure,
- 5 (3) Reducing car dependence and increasing fuel efficiency, clean fuel use, and shared-
6 use mobility, including encouraging the use of electric vehicles and increasing public
7 awareness and understanding of electric vehicles;
- 8 (4) Encouraging the City, citizens and businesses to participate in recycling and waste
9 reduction, including composting.

1 **SECTION 3.** That the Advisory Committee shall consist of eleven (11) members. The
2 advisory committee shall be appointed as follows:

- 3 (1) The chair of the City Council Committee on Public Works, Sanitation and
4 Environment, with the approval of the city council, shall appoint nine members
5 to the advisory committee. The appointments shall be submitted to the Chair for
6 approval no later than the date of the second council meeting in January. Seven
7 appointees shall be selected from nominations from the city council. Each
8 Councilmember shall nominate up to three potential committee appointees for
9 appointment by the first Council meeting in January or January 15 whichever is
10 later. The Chair shall select an appointment from the nominations from each
11 councilmember. Three nominees shall be the exclusive appointees of the Chair.
12 If a Councilmember fails to submit nominations, the Chair may make the
13 appointment. There shall be one representative from each of the following: the
14 Department of Sanitation and the Department of Resilience and Sustainability.
- 15 (2) Each appointee shall possess expertise or experience in one of the following
16 areas: environmental policy, climate change, recycling, waste reduction, clean
17 fuel, fuel efficiency, renewable energy, sustainability and resiliency policy. The
18 Chair shall ensure through his appointments, that all areas of issue expertise are
19 represented on the advisory committee.
- 20 (3) The terms of the committee members shall commence on January 31 of each

21 year and end on January 30 of the following year, and each committee member
22 may be reappointed. Vacancies on the committee shall be filled for the
23 remainder of the unexpired term(s).

24 (4) The Advisory Committee shall elect a chair from among its members. The
25 committee chair shall hold meetings regularly, but no less frequently than once
26 quarterly, and at hours as may be fixed by the committee. All such meetings shall
27 be subject to the provisions of the Louisiana Open Meeting Laws. Special
28 meetings may be held on call of the chair upon 48 hours notice to the members of
29 the committee. A copy of the minutes of all meetings shall be sent to the Council
30 of the City of New Orleans. The Advisory Committee shall have no legislative
31 powers of its own but shall be an advisory body of the Council of the City of New
32 Orleans concerning the matters with which it is charged, and the Council of the
33 City of New Orleans will receive and consider the Advisory Committee's
34 recommendations on such matters.

ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS JANUARY 12, 2017

STACY HEAD
PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

DELIVERED TO THE MAYOR ON JANUARY 13, 2017

APPROVED:
DISAPPROVED: JANUARY 20, 2017

MITCHELL J. LANDRIEU
MAYOR

RETURNED BY THE MAYOR ON JANUARY 23, 2017 AT 9:25 A. M.

LORA W. JOHNSON
CLERK OF COUNCIL

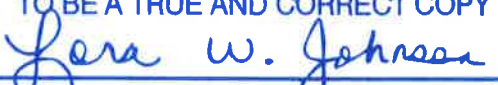
ROLL CALL VOTE:

YEAS: Brossett, Cantrell, Gray, Guidry, Head, Ramsey, Williams - 7

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 0

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