

**EO - 2015-07 (takes place of EO-08-01)**  
**Sustainable St. Petersburg**

AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING  
POLICIES CONSISTENT WITH THE CITY  
OF ST. PETERSBURG SUSTAINABILITY  
INITIATIVES

**WHEREAS**, I, Rick Kriseman, upon taking office established the Office of Sustainability in the City of St. Petersburg; and

**WHEREAS**, our Sustainability Vision is a city with the capacity to endure by finding the balance between environmental stewardship, economic vitality and social equity; and

**WHEREAS**, our Sustainability Mission Statement is to make St. Petersburg the city to work, live and play through innovative and collaborative sustainability practices; and

**WHEREAS**, our Sustainability Core Values are community collaboration and partnerships, creativity and quality outcomes, cost effective economics, environmental stewardship, and leadership in innovation; and

**WHEREAS**, our Sustainability Goals are net zero energy, zero waste, protection and enhancement of natural systems, the protection and promulgation of shade and green space, sustainable built environment practices, safe and efficient multimodal transportation networks, improvement of our local economy, and a healthier community.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Rick Kriseman, do hereby promulgate through this Executive Order the following actions, policies and procedures to take effect immediately:

- Become a member of Star Communities.
- Seek out and obtain a Star Community Rating leadership certification.
- Develop and implement a citywide Climate Action Plan that includes collaborative efforts to address and adapt to sea level rise as well as emergency preparedness and resiliency.
- Apply the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED® green building program or the Green Building Initiative's Green Globes program to all new and existing city-owned and occupied buildings over 10,000 square feet that meet minimum project requirements for certification; buildings less than 10,000 square feet may apply green building standards based on environmental benefit and budget.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy efficiencies to include evaluation of water resource pumping and processes, facility, space planning and transportation retrofits for efficiency improvements. Utilize renewable energy sources like solar power, biosolids, and geothermal technology to contribute to the City's net zero energy goal, with residential and commercial construction and demolition debris recycling, composting, mulch to energy, special event recycling,

pre and post-consumer food waste recycling and production of Class A (fertilizer grade) sludge programs used to contribute to the City's zero waste goal.

- Protect and enhance the City's natural systems through collaboration with industrial organizations and regional transportation management for improved air quality, an urban canopy initiative, water conservation programs, expanded reclaimed water systems, stormwater BMPs and green infrastructure, water loss reduction, clean streets and streams programs, land management plans for preserves and estuaries, parks and recreation planning, and implementation of the Downtown Waterfront Master Plan.
- Review land development regulations for barriers to sustainability, and use of the FEMA Community Rating System Program and land use planning tools such as the Comprehensive Plan to contribute to sustainable built environment practices.
- Implement key initiatives such as targeted industries, quality jobs and living wages, Greenhouse programs, the Grow Smarter Initiative, and the South St. Petersburg CRA Redevelopment Plan to contribute to the City's goal of improving the local economy and fostering job growth.
- Achieve our Healthier Community initiative through city and neighborhood planning for a balance of compact centers, affordable housing, walkability, food access and nutrition programs, associated education and outreach, and encouraging related partnerships and collaboration.
- Develop a city website in coordination with city departments, dedicated to sustainability initiatives.
- Set goals and monitor performance by requiring city departments or office directors to:
  - a. Continue to pursue existing directives on social equity contracting, such as the Inclusion Policy, and integrate progress on those directives into the department's annual work program;
  - b. Make attainment of sustainability goals part of the performance evaluation for each city department or office director; and
  - c. Report to the Mayor on performance and attainment of sustainability goals and other directives.

Duly signed and authorized this 18<sup>th</sup> day of AUGUST, 2015.



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Mayor Rick Kriseman