

**EO - 2017-01 (takes place of EO-2015-07)
Sustainable St. Petersburg**

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

WHEREAS, I, Rick Kriseman, upon taking office established the Office of Sustainability in the City of St. Petersburg, and am hereby revising the name to the Office of Sustainability & Resiliency; 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 a 100% clean energy transition, zero waste, protection and enhancement of natural systems and preserves, the protection and enhancement of shade, urban forest, and green space, sustainable built environment practices, safe and efficient multimodal transportation networks, improvement of our local economy, and a Healthy St. Pete; and

WHEREAS, there is scientific consensus regarding the reality of climate change and the recognition that human activity, especially the combustion of fossil fuels that create greenhouse gases, is an important driver of climate change; and climate change has been widely recognized by government, business and academic leaders as a worldwide threat with the potential to harm our economy, safety, public health, and quality of life; and

WHEREAS, we are joined in taking action on climate change by a global coalition of cities, states, national governments, and community and private sector leaders who recognize the importance and potential of these actions to protect and enhance the well-being of current and future generations; and

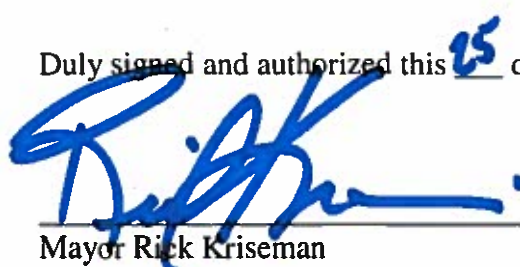
WHEREAS, more than two hundred (200) mayors representing tens of millions of Americans have recently re-affirmed their cities' commitments to climate action; and 195 countries, including the United States, vowed to address climate change in agreements reached in Paris in December 2015 (the "Paris Agreement").

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

- Improve the city's STAR Communities certification from a 3-STAR Community to a 5-STAR Community no later than December 2019.
- Develop and implement a citywide Integrated Sustainability Action Plan (ISAP) that includes collaborative efforts to address climate change mitigation and adaption to sea level rise, storm surge, extreme weather events, as well as emergency preparedness. The ISAP shall use the STAR framework to prioritize projects and programs that improve sustainability across all city departments and the community, and shall be routinely updated, but at a minimum of every 3-5 years depending on final ISAP recommendations.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and increase energy efficiencies employing policies and measures to include city facility retrofits and improvements (buildings, water, wastewater, and transportation infrastructure, alternative fuel fleet transition) and by utilizing renewable energy sources like solar power, biosolids-to-energy, and geothermal technology to contribute to the City's transition to 100% clean energy.
- Align the city's capital budget around resilience priorities and goals that enhance or produce greater resilience. This does not necessarily mean having to spend additional dollars – it can mean ensuring that existing budgets reflect the city's resilience goals.
- The U.S. Green Building Council's LEED® green building program shall be applied 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 will apply green building standards but may not need to become certified.
- The Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure's Envision guidance and/or certification shall be applied for all city-owned infrastructure and non-building projects that shall include integrated sustainable design as early part of implementation; capital improvement and maintenance projects \$1 million or greater will seek Envision certification unless otherwise approved by Mayor. Envision guidelines will still apply as appropriate to projects under \$1 million.
- 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, green infrastructure, water loss reduction, clean streets and streams programs, land management plans for preserves and estuaries, and parks and recreation planning.
- Protect the city's environment including bay, beaches, and waterways by implementing policies and business/organizational assistance that reduce hazardous materials like single use plastic bags, polystyrene, and straws as well as review of development regulations to include space for recycling.
- Use the FEMA Community Rating System Program and land use planning tools like 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 realize the City's goal to improve the local economy and foster job growth.

- Through the Healthy St. Pete program we will work to achieve our goal of a healthier community by addressing the social determinants of health that effect the length of life and quality of life for our residents. Innovative programs will address health behaviors, social and economic factors, access to clinical care, and work to improve our physical environment. Through community partnership and collaboration we will provide enhanced multimodal transportation, improved food access, nutrition and physical fitness programs, chronic disease prevention education and outreach, and take a health in all policies approach to government systems and programs.
- Lead by example as a healthy employer by offering wellness programs including secure bike rooms, smoking cessation incentives, and recognition as a Best Workplace for Commuters by National Center for Transit Research which emphasizes providing commute options aside from single occupant vehicles, and by developing innovative and rewarding prevention programs starting with increased employee use of Wellness Center and exploring more low or no-cost preventative offerings.
- As a healthy employer, employees are prohibited from smoking outside any city building or facility except in designated smoking areas located at least 25 feet from all entries, outdoor air intakes, and operable windows [where code and space allow]. Directors and Managers are responsible for informing staff and implementing this policy.
- Encourage equity and diversity on the city's boards and committees;
- Develop and maintain a city website in coordination with city departments, dedicated to sustainability initiatives; and
- 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; and
 - c. Report to the Mayor on performance and attainment of sustainability goals and other directives.

Duly signed and authorized this 15 day of July, 2017.



Mayor Rick Kriseman