

AN ORDINANCE 2013 - 01 - 31 - 0076

**APPROVING REVISIONS TO THE CITY'S TEN YEAR RECYCLING  
AND RESOURCE RECOVERY PLAN TO ACHIEVE A SIXTY PERCENT  
RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING RATE BY 2025**

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**WHEREAS**, consistent with the objective of the City to create a more sustainable society, the Solid Waste Management Department (SWMD) developed a community-wide Ten Year Recycling and Resource Recovery Plan for Residential and Commercial Services, "Creating a Pathway to Zero Waste", which was adopted by the San Antonio City Council on June 24, 2010 through Resolution 2010-06-24-0038R; and

**WHEREAS**, the strategic goals of the Ten Year Recycling and Resource Recovery Plan included the goal to recycle 60% of the single family residential waste stream by 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, in August 2012 Council requested a comprehensive review of the Ten Year Recycling and Resource Recovery Plan and alternative options to the 60% recycling goal by 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, over a series of public meetings, the SWMD presented various business options to the Infrastructure and Growth Committee, to the Governance Committee, and to the Council at a "B" Session meeting on December 5, 2012; the Council agreed to the SWMD proposal to revise the Ten Year Recycling and Resource Recovery Plan to maintain the 60% recycling goal by extending the long-term recycling plan by five years, from 2020 to 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance adopts and approves the revisions to the Ten Year Recycling and Resource Recovery Plan, including implementing a residential subscription-based organic recycling program for a monthly subscription fee of \$3.00, providing for a gradual implementation of variable rate pricing for garbage collection, and extending the timeline for reaching the 60% recycling goal for an additional five years; **NOW THEREFORE**,

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** The Ten Year Recycling and Resource Recovery Plan for Residential and Commercial Services developed by the Solid Waste Management Department (SWMD), as adopted by the San Antonio City Council on June 24, 2010 through Resolution 2010-06-24-0038R, is hereby revised and amended for the purpose of extending the timeline for reaching a 60% residential recycling goal from 2020 to 2025. This revision authorizes the SWMD to implement a residential subscription-based organic recycling program for a monthly subscription fee of \$3.00 and allows for a gradual implementation of variable rate pricing for garbage collection starting in October 2016, which will take place over a seven-year period, instead of a two-year period as proposed in the existing plan. A copy of the Addendum which describes the major proposed revisions to the Plan is attached as **Exhibit "A"** and made a part hereof and incorporated herein for all purposes.

**SECTION 2.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage by eight (8) or more affirmative votes or, if passed by fewer than eight (8) affirmative votes, shall be effective ten (10) days after passage.

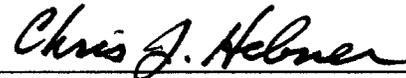
**PASSED and APPROVED** this 31st day of January, 2013.

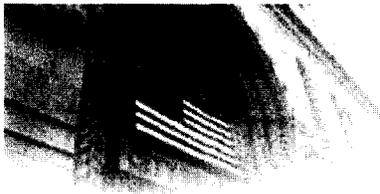
  
M A Y O R  
Julián Castro

**ATTEST:**

  
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Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

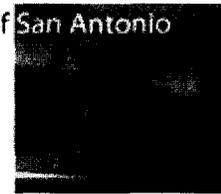
**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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for Michael D. Bernard, City Attorney



Request for  
**COUNCIL  
 ACTION**

City of San Antonio



## Agenda Voting Results - 18A

<b>Name:</b>	18A, 18B, 18C, 18D						
<b>Date:</b>	01/31/2013						
<b>Time:</b>	10:44:37 AM						
<b>Vote Type:</b>	Motion to Approve						
<b>Description:</b>	An Ordinance revising the Recycling and Resource Recovery Plan to achieve a 60% residential recycling rate by 2025.						
<b>Result:</b>	Passed						
Voter	Group	Not Present	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Motion	Second
Julián Castro	Mayor		x				
Diego Bernal	District 1		x				
Ivy R. Taylor	District 2		x				
Leticia Ozuna	District 3		x				
Rey Saldaña	District 4		x				
David Medina Jr.	District 5		x				
Ray Lopez	District 6		x				
Cris Medina	District 7	x					
W. Reed Williams	District 8		x				
Elisa Chan	District 9		x				x
Carlton Soules	District 10		x			x	

## **Addendum to City of San Antonio Solid Waste Management Department 10-Year Recycling and Resource Recovery Plan: Creating a Pathway to Zero Waste**

On January 31, 2013, the San Antonio City Council will vote to amend the 10-Year Recycling and Resource Recovery Plan (the Plan). The City Council approved and adopted the original Plan on June 24, 2010. This addendum describes the major proposed revisions to the Plan, which include an amendment to the single-family residential recycling rate goal and a new timeline for achieving this goal.

As originally adopted, the Plan provides the Solid Waste Management Department (the Department) direction for implementing community-wide residential and commercial recycling services to achieve the following goals:

- Ensure all single-family and multi-family residents have access to convenient recycling programs
- Improve recycling opportunities for the business sector
- Achieve a 60% single-family residential recycling rate by 2020

Following a “B” Session held on December 5, 2012, City Council evaluated the goals and strategies approved in the 2010 Plan and reviewed the impact of alternative recycling rate goals.

Upon reviewing the alternative scenarios, the City Council discussed amending the 60% recycling rate by 2020 goal to a 60% recycling rate by 2025 goal. As a result, the Department has prepared this addendum to the Plan to reflect the new proposed priorities and goal for single-family recycling programs as discussed by the City Council. Goals and strategies within the Plan related to multi-family recycling and business recycling will not change because of the revisions within this addendum.

## Exhibit A

## Proposed Changes to the Original 10-Year Recycling and Resource Recovery Plan

Content within the following table describes the current goals of the Plan and key changes to reflect discussion during the City Council “B” Session on December 5, 2012. The Department will continue to update the Plan based on data gathered from performance measures and policy changes adopted by City Council.

<b>Plan Component</b>	<b>Current Plan: 60% Recycling Rate by 2020</b>	<b>Revised Plan: 60% Recycling Rate by 2025</b>
<b>Timeline</b>	Achieve plan goals by 2020	Achieve plan goals by 2025 (5 year extension)
<b>Title</b>	10-Year Recycling and Resource Recovery Plan: Creating a Pathway to Zero Waste	City of San Antonio’s Recycling and Resource Recovery Plan: Creating a Pathway to Zero Waste
<b>Review by City Council</b>	Update provided to City Council every three years	Annual review of Plan goals and strategies by City’s Infrastructure and Growth Committee prior to the annual budget process
<b>Organic Recycling (Green Cart)</b>	Mandatory (assumes 95% participation by 2020) with incentive programs for backyard composting and grass mulching	Subscription-based at an additional fee (assumes 85% participation by 2025) with incentive programs for backyard composting and grass mulching  The Department will also research the feasibility of yard waste drop-off centers and proper waste compliance
<b>Variable Rate Pricing for Garbage Collection Fee (Brown Cart)</b>	Program starting in FY 2016 to achieve an aggressive monthly rate differential between the smallest and largest cart by 2020	Program starting in FY 2017 and gradually transitioning from a moderate to an aggressive monthly rate differential between the smallest and largest cart by 2025
<b>Program Maturation</b>	Implement major recycling programs by 2018 to allow two years for program maturation	Provides seven years to allow for program maturation
<b>Recycling Rate Measurement</b>	Based on the percent of residential waste collected by city crews that is recycled	Current recycling rate metric supplemented by results of annual community waste profile