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Item No. 16.

AN ORDINANCE 2016-04-14-0283

AMENDING CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE III OF THE CITY CODE OF SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, UPDATING THE GREEN EVENTS CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS, ESTABLISHING A PENALTY AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PUBLISH NOTICE

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WHEREAS, on April 8, 2010, City Council passed Ordinance No. 2010-04-08-0303 requiring events meeting certain criteria to obtain a Green Event Certification consistent with the objectives of San Antonio's "Mission Verde" sustainability plan to target the reduction of waste, energy and materials consumption at medium and large-scale events occurring through City contracts and permits for usage of City-owned properties; and

WHEREAS, event organizers are required to complete a Green Event Scorecard which contains various "green" measures and practices that event organizers can implement to obtain certification, such as providing recycling opportunities or utilizing two-sided printing for promotional materials, the City has certified over 300 events, while recycling over 400,000 pounds of trash and the number of certified Fiesta events increased from 13 events in 2013 to 47 events in 2015; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance amends Chapter 26, Article III, of the City Code relating to green events certification to add a requirement for all certified events to include a 1:1 trash receptacle to recycling receptacle ratio to insure recycling opportunities are more prominently available to event participants and amends the change of the department name from "Office of Environmental Policy" to "Office of Sustainability"; **NOW THEREFORE,**

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 26 of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas is hereby amended by adding the underlined and deleting the strikethrough text from Article III Green Events Certification, as follows:

ARTICLE III. GREEN EVENTS CERTIFICATION

Sec. 26-30. Definitions.

For this article, the following definitions shall apply, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

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Director shall mean the director of the Office of Sustainability ~~Environmental Policy~~ or designated representative.

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Green event scorecard shall mean the listing of measures that an event can utilize to obtain the various levels of compliance with this article, as developed and maintained by the OS ~~OEP~~. Each measure is assigned a number of points that can be combined toward achieving a certification level of silver, gold, platinum, and verde.

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OS ~~*OEP*~~ shall mean the Office of Sustainability ~~Environmental Policy~~ of the city.

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Sec. 26-33. Standards for issuance of certification.

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(b) A "green events planning guide" shall be developed by the OS ~~OEP~~ and outline how to organize and coordinate a certifiable green event. The guide shall describe how to minimize and offset the impact of an event.

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(d) Event organizers will have the opportunity to purchase necessary certification points from OS ~~OEP~~ by contributing to the "Mission Verde Offset Fund." Proceeds from the fund will go towards local environmental activities. The "Mission Verde Offset Fund" fees are fifty-five dollars ($55.00) per point for medium scale events and seventy-five ($75.00) per point for large scale events. These amounts may be changed to fit future needs to reinforce effectiveness of this article. For example, an event with fifteen thousand (15,000) participants that requires a gold rating and chooses to do none of the scorecard items can pay an offset cost of four thousand five hundred dollars ($4,500.00) to the "Mission Verde Offset Fund" to pay for local environmental activities such as tree plantings or energy conservation programs.

(e) Non-mandated events can voluntarily complete and submit a "green events scorecard" to the OS ~~OEP~~ and contribute to the "Mission Verde Offset Fund" to purchase points needed for certification or to voluntarily provide support for local environmental programs. All events completing a scorecard will receive a "green event" rating to use in event advertising and publications.

Sec. 26-34. Application for certification.

(a) A person seeking issuance of a green event certification shall complete the "green events scorecard", develop and submit a recycling/waste plan, and file an application (including the green events scorecard and the recycling/waste plan) with the city on forms provided by the relevant department in charge of the facility, responsible for issuing the permit, or providing funding or sponsorship which is valued at half or greater of the total event costs. The recycling/waste plan is mandatory for all events, is subject to review and approval by the City, and must address: 1) the number of recycling receptacles to trash receptacles - reflecting a 1:1 ratio of recycling receptacles to trash receptacles; 2) items to be recycled; 3) name of the trash and recycling haulers; and 4) outreach methods to reduce recycling contamination.

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SECTION 2. All other provisions of Chapter 26, Article III of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas shall remain in full force and effect unless expressly amended by this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. Should any Article, Section, Part, Paragraph, Sentence, Phrase, Clause, or Word of this ordinance, for any reason be held illegal, inoperative, or invalid, or if any exception to or limitation upon any general provision herein contained be held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective, the remainder shall, nevertheless, stand effective and valid as if it had been enacted and ordained without the portion held to be unconstitutional or invalid or ineffective.

SECTION 4. The City Clerk is directed to publish notice of this Ordinance in accordance with Section 17 of the Charter of the City of San Antonio. The penalty, fine or forfeiture provisions in this ordinance shall apply five days after publication.

SECTION 5. The publishers of the City Code of San Antonio, Texas are authorized to amend said Code to reflect the changes adopted herein and to correct typographical errors and to format and number paragraphs to conform to the existing code.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage by eight or more affirmative votes; otherwise, it shall be effective on the tenth day after passage.

PASSED and APPROVED this **14th** day of **April**, 2016.

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ATTEST:

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Chris J. Helmer
for

Martha G. Sepeda, Acting City Attorney

Agenda Item:	**16 (in consent vote: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11B, 11C, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23)**
Date:	04/14/2016
Time:	09:14:48 AM
Vote Type:	Motion to Approve
Description:	An Ordinance updating the Green Events Certification requirements requiring a one-to-one ration of trash receptacle to recycling receptacle ratio. [Peter Zanoni, Deputy City Manager; Douglas Melnick, Chief Sustainability Office, Office of Sustainability]
Result:	Passed

Voter	Group	Not Present	Yea	Nay	Abstain	Motion	Second
Ivy R. Taylor	Mayor		x				
Roberto C. Treviño	District 1		x				
Alan Warrick	District 2		x			x	
Rebecca Viagran	District 3		x				x
Rey Saldaña	District 4		x				
Shirley Gonzales	District 5		x				
Ray Lopez	District 6		x				
Cris Medina	District 7		x				
Ron Nirenberg	District 8		x				
Joe Krier	District 9		x				
Michael Gallagher	District 10		x				