

AN ORDINANCE **80 44 6**

ESTABLISHING THE BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE ON THE FEDERAL CLEAN AIR ACT AMENDMENTS TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON MEASURES THAT COULD BE TAKEN TO AID IN MAINTAINING THE CITY'S ATTAINMENT STATUS UNDER THE FEDERAL CLEAN AIR ACT AMENDMENTS.

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WHEREAS, because the levels of pollution in the City of San Antonio's air have been increasing, the City's attainment status under the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments is in jeopardy; and

WHEREAS, should the City lose its attainment status and be designated a non-attainment area, both the City and the State will suffer severe economic sanctions; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the City develop a long-term, comprehensive strategy for reducing the level of air pollution; and

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that a blue ribbon committee should be established to address this concern and to make recommendations to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, City Council believes that said committee should consider a wide variety of measures to reduce the levels of air pollution in the City, including, but not limited to, the use of alternative fuels and reformulated gasoline, the use and encouragement of car pooling, and the use of vapor recovery nozzles; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to establish the Blue Ribbon Committee on the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments; **NOW THEREFORE:**

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

SECTION 1. The Blue Ribbon Committee on the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments is hereby established.

SECTION 2. The purpose of the Blue Ribbon Committee on the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments is to make recommendations to the City Council of the City of San Antonio on measures that could be taken to aid in maintaining the City's attainment

status under the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments. The Committee is to make its recommendations to the City Council within sixty days of the effective date of this ordinance.

SECTION 3. Said Blue Ribbon Committee on the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments shall be composed of twenty-one voting members appointed by the City Council.

SECTION 4. Members shall serve until the purpose of the Committee has been fulfilled. Vacancies on the Committee shall be filled within sixty days by the City Council.

SECTION 5. The City Manager shall designate personnel to serve as the staff for the Blue Ribbon Committee on the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments.

SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect ten days from the date of passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 7th day of July, 1994.


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ATTEST: 
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM: 
for City Attorney

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**ESTABLISHING
BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE
ON FED. CLEAN AIR
AMENDMENTS**

ITEM NO. 27

JUL 07 1994

MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: _____

MOTION BY: Perez

SECONDED BY: Bus

ORD. NO. 80446

ZONING CASE _____

RESOL. _____

PETITION _____

	ARTS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS
1	AVIATION
	BUILDING INSPECTIONS
	BUILDING INSPECTIONS-HOUSE NUMBERING
	CITY ATTORNEY
	MUNICIPAL COURT
	REAL ESTATE (FASSNIDGE)
	REAL ESTATE (WOOD)
	REAL ESTATE (HUBBARD)
	TRIAL SECTION
	CITY MANAGER
	TRAVIS BISHOP, ASST. TO CITY MGR.
	CODE COMPLIANCE
	INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS
	INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
	YOUTH INITIATIVES
	CITY PUBLIC SERVICE-GENERAL MANAGER
	CITY PUBLIC SERVICE-MAPS & RECORDS
	COMMERCIAL RECORDER (PUBLISH)
	COMMUNITY INITIATIVES
1	CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU
	CONVENTION FACILITIES
	DOME DEVELOPMENT OFFICE
	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
	FINANCE DIRECTOR
	ASSESSOR
	CONTROLLER
	GRANTS
	RISK MANAGEMENT
	TREASURY
	FIRE DEPARTMENT
	HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
	INFORMATION SERVICES
	INTERNAL REVIEW
	LIBRARY
	MANAGEMENT SERVICES (BUDGET)
	MANAGEMENT SERVICES (PERSONNEL)
	MARKET SQUARE
1	METROPOLITAN HEALTH DISTRICT
	MUNICIPAL COURTS
	PARKS & RECREATION
1	PLANNING
	DISABILITY ACCESS OFFICE
	LAND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
	POLICE DEPARTMENT
	POLICE DEPARTMENT-GROUND TRANSPORTATION
	PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE
	PUBLIC UTILITIES
	PUBLIC WORKS
	CAPITAL PROJECTS
	CENTRAL MAPPING
	ENGINEERING
	PARKING DIVISION
	REAL ESTATE (BILL TOUDOUZE)
	SOLID WASTE
	TRAFFIC ENGINEERING
	PURCHASING & GENERAL SERVICES
	SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM (SAWS)
1	<u>Yolanda</u>
	MUNICIPAL CODE CORPORATION (PUBLISH)

	ROLL CALL	AYE	NAY
ROGER PEREZ DISTRICT 1		✓	
RUTH MC-CLENDON DISTRICT 2		absent	
LYNDA BILLA BURKE DISTRICT 3		absent	
HENRY AVILA DISTRICT 4		✓	
JUAN F. SOLIS III DISTRICT 5		absent	
HELEN AYALA DISTRICT 6		✓	
BOB ROSS DISTRICT 7		✓	
BILL THORNTON DISTRICT 8		✓	
HOWARD PEAK DISTRICT 9		✓	
LYLE LARSON DISTRICT 10		absent	
NELSON WOLFF MAYOR			

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CITY OF SAN ANTONIO
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE SHEET

TO: Councilmembers

FROM: Mayor Nelson W. Wolff

COPIES TO: Julia Castellano-Hoyt, Assistant to the Council

SUBJECT: BLUE RIBBON COMMITTEE/FEDERAL CLEAN AIR AMENDMENTS

DATE: June 28, 1994

I would request that Council appoint a blue ribbon committee to formulate a complete set of recommendations, including studying the use of alternative fuels, reformulated gasoline, carpooling, vapor recovery nozzles, and other measures to reduce pollution, in order to recover our attainment status under the Federal Clean Air amendments (see attachment). I would ask that Council begin identifying names for this committee.


Nelson W. Wolff
Mayor

NWW:jrb

Draft Hearing Statement
for
San Antonio
by
Mayor Nelson W. Wolff

We need to develop a comprehensive strategy for maintaining our attainment status under the Federal Clean Air amendments of 1990. We are a near non-attainment area, we need to develop plans to improve our air quality with the least socio-economic impact.

As you well know, the Federal Clean Air Act mandates certain air quality standards for all U.S. cities. Those areas that fall out of compliance face some tough economic sanctions. The City of San Antonio can ill afford the economic repercussions that follow a "non-attainment status".

As a brief history, the San Antonio metropolitan areas was designated nonattainment for ozone from 1978 through 1980 and was redesignated attainment in 1981. In 1988, San Antonio again came close to being designated nonattainment, and since that time peak ozone levels have remained close to the national standard.

With projected population increases and the effect of motor vehicles that now release 60% of ozone forming pollutants the question is not if we will become non-attainment, but when. Therefore, it is imperative that we work together to formulate a long-term attainment strategy.

If we don't, both the city and the state suffer environmentally and economically. Should we fall out of compliance:

The TNRCC will be forced to revise the State Implementation Plan and compile an inventory of actual emissions from all sources.

A vehicle inspection and maintenance program will be required, which the TNRCC estimates that annual inspections will cost \$23/vehicle. In addition, they predict that 20% of the vehicles inspected will fail the EPA emissions test and require repairs of up to \$525/vehicle before a license can be renewed.

More stringent permitting requirements for new or modified stationary sources will be implemented.

And new construction of major stationary sources or significant modifications to an existing major source will be required to offset pollution increases by a greater than 1.0 to 1.0 ratio.

Moreover, if an area fails to improve its air quality the EPA can invoke radical sanctions including the loss of highway funds.

Any one of these sanctions would come at great cost to both our citizens and the business community. Therefore, it is critical that near non-attainment areas work with the State Legislature and the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to develop a long term plan that protects our attainment status.

Currently, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission is helping the City of San Antonio by predicting when the weather conditions will cause high levels of ozone pollution and informing the public of an ozone advisory day. So far this year, San Antonio has had three ozone advisory days. On an ozone advisory day, the public is asked to voluntarily take extra measures which will reduce the formation of ozone such as carpooling, minimizing auto use and keeping vehicles properly tuned to keep exhaust emissions at a low level. While these efforts to keep San Antonio from being designated nonattainment are commendable, more can be done and I would like your approval to appoint a blue ribbon commission to study a complete set of measures, including the use of alternative fuels and reformulated gasoline, car pooling, vapor recovery nozzles and any other measure to reduce pollution. I will ask the panel to produce their recommendations within 60 days so that we may begin to implement these measures as soon as possible. Please forward me recommendations for membership.