

ORDINANCE No. 176207

Establish a joint Sustainable Development Commission with Multnomah County
(Ordinance; amend Code Section 3.112)

The City of Portland ordains:

The Council finds:

1. In November, 1994 Council adopted the Sustainable City Principles.
2. In May 1995, Council amended Chapter 3.112, adapting the Energy and Environmental Commission to become the Sustainable Portland Commission.
3. In April 2001, the County Board of Commissioners voted in favor of forming a joint Sustainable Development Commission with the City of Portland.
4. In April 2001, the City of Portland and Multnomah County adopted a joint Global Warming Action Plan.
5. Both the City and County are working to promote more sustainable policies and actions, including green building practices and energy efficiency measures. In making these changes, both will learn faster by working together.
6. Establishing a joint commission and shared standards will increase the public's ability to assess the sustainability practices of local government.
7. Both the City and County benefit from the sustainable development expertise and networks provided by the Sustainable Portland Commission.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. City Code Chapter 3.112 is amended as follows:

3.112.010 Sustainable Development Commission Mission.

A sustainable community is one in which economic, ecological, and social well-being are integrated to ensure all live well, within nature's means. The mission of the Sustainable Development Commission is to develop and advocate for programs, policies, and actions by government, citizens, and businesses leading to sustainable communities in the Portland metropolitan area, including those that:

- A. Support a diverse and vibrant economy;
- B. Promote an equitable distribution of resources;
- C. Protect and restore the integrity of the natural systems that support life, including air, water, and land;
- D. Preserve the diversity of plant and animal life; and,
- E. Reduce human impacts on local and worldwide ecosystems.

3.112.020 Powers and Duties.

The Commission is not authorized to modify, limit or alter any permit or regulatory process of any City or County office or bureau. Subject to that limitation, in order to carry out its mission, the Commission is authorized to:

- A. Advise and make recommendations to the Portland City Council and the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners on policies and programs that create sustainable communities;
- B. Articulate and promote a long-range goals and objectives for developing and achieving sustainable communities;
- C. Promote sustainable communities among citizens, businesses, governmental agencies and community-based organizations;
- D. Develop opportunities for all citizens to learn about values, principles, and practices that will bring about sustainable communities;
- E. Assist city and county personnel in the coordination of policies and actions creating sustainable communities;
- F. Conduct public meetings as necessary;
- G. Meet at least once each month and keep minutes of its proceedings;
- H. Meet annually with the City Council and the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners and submit a report on the Commission's activities, achievements and plans for the coming year, and recommends changes in this Chapter; and,
- J. Adopt rules or bylaws as necessary for its operation and undertake any other activities

necessary to the accomplishment of its mission within the terms of this Section.

3.112.030 Membership.

The Commission shall consist of seventeen members as provided in the Intergovernmental Agreement entered into by the City of Portland and Multnomah County. Following recommendation by the Commissioner in Charge of the Office of Sustainable Development, ten of the commission members shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the City Council. Seven shall be appointed by Multnomah County. All appointments to the Commission shall be for terms of two years. Members shall serve without compensation. However, reasonable expenses for carrying out the work of the Commission may be reimbursed by the City. Absence from four consecutive Commission meetings shall constitute cause for removal.

3.112.040 Officers.

Two co-chairs shall be elected by the Commission members. One co-chair shall be a City appointee, and one shall be a County appointee. All Commission officers shall serve for two years. No officer may be elected for more than two consecutive terms.

b. The Commissioner of Public Affairs and the Auditor are authorized to sign an Intergovernmental Agreement with Multnomah County substantially in conformance with Exhibit A, attached to the original ordinance only.

Passed by the Council, JAN 16 2002
Commissioner Dan Saltzman
Matt Emlen

December 19, 2001

Gary Blackmer
Auditor of the City of Portland

BY /S/ Susan Parsons

Deputy

BACKING SHEET INFORMATION

AGENDA NO. 35, 74-2002

ACTION TAKEN:

JAN 09 2002 PASSED TO SECOND READING JAN 16 2002 9:30 A.M.

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COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
	YEAS	NAYS
FRANCESCONI	X	
HALES	===	====
SALTZMAN	X	
STEN	X	
KATZ	X	