



Memorandum

Planning Division
Community & Economic Development Department

To: Planning Commission

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Re: Recycling and Waste Reduction Sustainability Ordinance

Attached is a draft version of the Recycling and Waste Reduction Ordinance that is part of the Mayor's Sustainability Project. The purpose of the ordinance is to:

1. Preserve natural resources for future generations;
2. Help Salt Lake City better manage and extend the life of its land fill by encouraging recycling and waste reduction practices that will reduce the amount of materials entering the landfill;
3. Minimize the impact of waste on the natural environment by reducing pollutants, greenhouse gases (notably, methane), and chemicals;
4. Reduce the need for raw materials by creating the "civic infrastructure" for buying and utilizing recycled materials and products;
5. Reduce energy consumption by recycling materials instead of using raw materials for new products, which uses more energy.
6. Reduce personal financial expenditure in the economy through the availability of cheaper recycled products;
7. Reduce municipal expenditures and save taxpayer dollars through more efficient and reduced refuse collection services; and
8. Encourage the expansion of jobs in the area of recycling, reuse, and product reconstitution from increased recycling operations and land uses to accommodate such jobs and businesses.

The proposed regulations include:

1. Require new developments to add indoor or outdoor recycling service areas.
2. Require centralized recycling, refuse and composting stations in new residential subdivisions.
3. Allow the conversion of parking spaces to accommodate a recycling/refuse collection area.
4. Require a waste management plan for new construction and demolitions

Attached is a draft version of the ordinance for your review. On February 9th, Planning Staff will brief the Planning Commission on the proposed ordinance. The goal of the briefing is to identify key issues and obtain direction from the Commission on the proposed regulations.

After the briefing, the proposed ordinance will go through a public process and be brought back to the Planning Commission for a public hearing and recommendation that will be forwarded to the City Council. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thank you.