

**CITY OF SAN MATEO
ORDINANCE NO. 2014 - 1**

**ADDING CHAPTER 2.26 TO THE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH A
SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the City of San Mateo wishes to establish a sustainability commission to further civic engagement in sustainability related to the environmental, economic, and social needs of the City of San Mateo; and

WHEREAS, the sustainability commission will serve as an advisory body to City Council and to other existing commissions on policies related to sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a new public commission requires an amendment to Title 2: Administration and Personnel of the Municipal Code;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA, ORDAINS that:

Section 1. Chapter 2.26, establishing a Sustainability Commission, is added to Title 2, “Administration and Personnel,” of the San Mateo Municipal Code to read:

Chapter 2.26

SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

- 2.26.010 Organization.**
- 2.26.020 Meetings.**
- 2.26.030 Powers—Duties.**

2.26.010 ORGANIZATION. The sustainability commission of the City shall consist of five members appointed by the City Council.

Each member of the sustainability commission shall serve at the pleasure of the City Council and for a term of four years or until the appointment of a successor, except that the initial terms of the first members appointed shall be determined by lot at their first meeting so that two members will have terms that expire after two years. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for a term of four years.

2.26.020 MEETINGS. The sustainability commission shall meet within one month of its formation and establish itself by electing a chairperson and vice chairperson to serve at the pleasure of the commission. The sustainability commission may adopt reasonable rules and regulations for the conduct of its business. A regular time and place of meetings shall be established and adhered to in the manner of holding public meetings for legislative bodies in the state. All meetings shall be open to the public unless by law otherwise provided.

2.26.030 POWERS—DUTIES. It shall be the duty of the sustainability commission, as an advisory body to the City Council, to advise on its own initiative, or as requested by the City Council, on policies

related to sustainability, including matters related to the environmental, social, and economic needs of the City of San Mateo.

The sustainability commission may make recommendations to any other board or commission of the City with respect to any action the sustainability commission believes should be taken or upon which it has been requested to advise.

The sustainability commission shall possess other such powers and duties as may be prescribed from time to time by resolution of the City Council.

Section 2. PUBLICATION. This Ordinance shall be published in summary in the Examiner Peninsula Edition, posted in the City Clerk's Office, and posted on the City's website, all in accord with Section 2.15 of the Charter.

Section 3. CEQA. In accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines section 15378(b)(5), this action is not a project subject to CEQA because it is an organizational activity that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment.

The foregoing ordinance was introduced on January 21, 2014, and adopted by the City Council of the City of San Mateo, State of California on the 3rd day of February, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS ROSS, GOETHALS, LIM and MATTHEWS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: FRESCHET

ATTEST:

(SEAL) /s/ PATRICE M. OLDS
Patrice M. Olds, City Clerk

/s/ ROBERT ROSS
Robert Ross, Mayor