

# SALT LAKE CITY ORDINANCE

No. \_\_\_\_\_ of 2024

(An ordinance amending Section 2.08.120 of the Salt Lake City Code  
Pertaining to the Department of Sustainability)

An ordinance amending Section 2.08.120 of the *Salt Lake City Code* pertaining to the functions of the department of sustainability.

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.08 “Administrative Organization” sets out the city’s administrative organization by describing each operating department and its associated duties, functions, and responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.08.120 “Department of Sustainability” describes the specific functions assigned to the department;

WHEREAS, the Salt Lake City Council finds that updates to the current ordinance are necessary to clarify, provide policy priorities, and further describe the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the department of sustainability; and

WHEREAS, upon consideration of the desired role of the department of sustainability, the Salt Lake City Council assigns certain functions for the purpose of attaining the greatest local impact in matters of sustainability.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah:

SECTION 1. Amending Section 2.08.120. Section 2.08.120 of the *Salt Lake City Code* shall be, and hereby is, amended to read as follows:

A. Functions: The department of sustainability shall have charge of and be responsible for:

1. Developing and coordinating policies and programs across city departments and throughout the community that will protect natural resources, reduce pollution, slow climate change, and establish a path toward greater resiliency for city

operations and the community. Policies and programs will be aimed at achieving the greatest local impact, and shall address the following focus areas:

- a. Environmental compliance of city operations
  - b. Climate change mitigation and adaptation
  - c. Air quality
  - d. Energy efficiency
  - e. Renewable energy
  - f. Environmental justice and equity, local food systems
  - g. Greenhouse gas emissions reduction
  - h. Waste reduction, reuse, and recycling.
2. Providing waste and recycling services in accordance with Chapter 9.08 of this code.
  3. Developing strategies and resources to equitably engage and educate the public on department focus areas.
  4. Prioritizing use of limited city resources by recognizing the following order of precedence in managing new and existing department programs:
    - a. City-specific programs or programs tailored to make a city-specific impact or address a city-specific concern;
    - b. Partnership or supplementary programs designed to fill in gaps between other community or governmental initiatives;
    - c. Programs that leverage financial or programmatic resources of other community or governmental organizations; and
    - d. Programs that position the city as a community leader to effectuate change in department focus areas and stimulate greater community impact.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective on the date of its first publication.

Passed by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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CHAIRPERSON

ATTEST:

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Transmitted to Mayor on \_\_\_\_\_.

Mayor's Action: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved. \_\_\_\_\_ Vetoed.

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MAYOR

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APPROVED AS TO FORM  
Salt Lake City Attorney's Office

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