

City Clerk File No. Ord. 14-105

Agenda No. 3.C 1st Reading

Agenda No. \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Reading & Final Passage



# ORDINANCE OF JERSEY CITY, N.J.

COUNCIL AS A WHOLE  
offered and moved adoption of the following ordinance:

## CITY ORDINANCE 14.105

### ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JERSEY CITY TITLE: ~~ADOPTING AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE~~ SECTION 345-10 ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION, FOR EXPANDING THE PURPOSES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

**WHEREAS**, the Jersey City Environmental Commission was reorganized in 2011 under City Ordinance 11-002, amending Chapter 31 of the Jersey City Municipal Code, which created the Environmental Commission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jersey City Environmental Commission has the power to study and make recommendations regarding environmental concerns which affect the enjoyment and health of the public. (NJSA 40:56a-6); and

**WHEREAS**, Jersey City did achieve Silver Level Sustainable Jersey Certification in 2011 and does wish to continue the same level of sustainability; and

**WHEREAS**, Sustainable Jersey does require a Green Team be established by the Mayor and City Council that will focus on completing actions required for Sustainable Jersey Certification; and

**WHEREAS**, the Green Team provides the leadership to help develop plans, implement programs and assist with educational opportunities that support the creation of a sustainable community; and

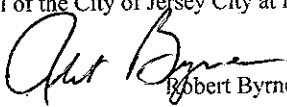
**WHEREAS**, the Planning Board of Jersey City, at its meeting of August 26, 2014 did discuss and vote to recommend adoption of this amendment herein by the Municipal Council;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Municipal Council of the City of Jersey City that the Land Development Ordinance, be and hereby is amended as per the attached document;

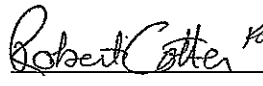
**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED THAT:**

- A. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.
- B. This ordinance shall be a part of the Jersey City Code as though codified and set forth fully herein. The City Clerk shall have this ordinance codified and incorporated in the official copies of the Jersey City Code.
- C. This ordinance shall take effect at the time and in the manner as provided by law.
- D. The City Clerk and the Corporation Council be and they are hereby authorized and directed to change any chapter numbers, article numbers and section numbers in the event that the codification of this ordinance reveals that there is a conflict between those numbers and the existing code, in order to avoid confusion and possible repealers of existing provisions.
- E. The City Planning Division is hereby directed to give notice at least ten days prior to the hearing on the adoption of this Ordinance to the Hudson County Planning board and to all other persons entitled thereto pursuant to N.J.S. 40:55D-15 and N.J.S. 40:55D-63 (if required). Upon the adoption of this Ordinance after public hearing thereon, the City Clerk is hereby directed to publish notice of the passage thereof and to file a copy of the Ordinance as finally adopted with the Hudson County Planning Board as required by N.J.S. 40:55D-16. The clerk shall also forthwith transmit a copy of this Ordinance after final passage to the Municipal Tax Assessor as required by N.J.S. 40:49-2.1.

**CERTIFIED** to be a true copy of an  
**ORDINANCE** introduced by the Municipal  
Council of the City of Jersey City at its meeting of

  
Robert Byrne, City Clerk

9/10/14

  
Robert D. Cotter, PP, FAICP, Director of Planning

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM

APPROVED: 

Corporation Counsel

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Administrator

Certification Required   
Not Required

**RESOLUTION FACT SHEET – NON-CONTRACTUAL**

This summary sheet is to be attached to the front of any resolution that is submitted for Council consideration. Incomplete or vague fact sheets will be returned with the resolution.

**Full Title of Ordinance/Resolution**

Amendment to Article 345-10 Environmental Commission
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**Initiator**

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Note: Initiator must be available by phone during agenda meeting (Wednesday prior to council meeting @ 4:00 p.m.)

**Purpose**

The purpose of this amendment is to expand the purpose of the Jersey City Environmental Commission to also serve as the official Sustainable Jersey Green Team. The Jersey City Environmental Commission is a volunteer board of citizens who are in the environmental professional field or have a deep passion for creating a sustainable Jersey City.
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I certify that all the facts presented herein are accurate.

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Signature of Department Director

9/2/14  
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Date

**Proposed amendments to the Land Development Ordinance for Sections Relating to the Environmental Commission Section 345-10**

Material indicated by strikethrough like this is existing material that is intended to be deleted.  
Material indicated by bold italic *like this* is new material that is intended to be enacted.

3. Purpose of the Environmental Commission.
- a. Promote the protection and conservation of land, air, water and other natural resources within the territorial limits of the City. Such promotion shall consist of educating the public and advising the city government about the best methods for protecting and conserving these resources.
  - b. Assist the City in the proper development and use of these resources by coordinating the planning efforts of the various departments, agencies and agents who provide environmental services.
  - c. Promote the protection of the public health by educating the public and advising City government about environmental health hazards.
  - d. Conduct research into the use and possible use of open land areas of Jersey City and:
    - i. Have the power to coordinate the activities of unofficial bodies organized for similar purposes.
    - ii. Keep an index of all open areas whether publicly or privately owned, including open marshlands, swamps and other wetlands, in order to obtain information on the proper use of such areas.
    - iii. Have the authority to recommend to the Planning Board plans and programs for the development and use of such areas for inclusion in the Jersey City Master Plan.
  - e. Advertise, prepare, print and distribute books, maps, charts, plans and pamphlets which it deems necessary for its purpose.
  - f. Study and make recommendations concerning open space preservation, water resources management, air pollution control, solid waste management, noise control, environmental appearance, marine resources, protection of flora and fauna and any other environmental concerns which affect the enjoyment and health of the public.
  - g. Refer matters to the proper City authorities whenever violations of environmental law come to its attention.
  - h. Keep records of its meetings and activities and shall make an annual report to the City Council.
  - i. Assist in the formulation of funding plans submitted to the Green Acres/Green Trust program of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.
  - j. Advise the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment as to the environmental impact of development projects which would use an average of at least ten thousand (10,000) gallons of water per day.
  - k. Delegate an environmental commissioner to be a permanent member of the Local Emergency Planning Council (per federal P.L. 99-499) and delegate other Commissioners to be members of the other municipal environmental bodies as the City creates from time to time.
  - l. Act and serve as the official Jersey City Sustainable Green Team that is responsible for pursuing and maintaining the City's Sustainable Jersey Certification through collaboration with the municipality and public to develop and support sustainable initiatives for the City.***

# SUMMARY SHEET

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AMENDMENTS TO THE LAND DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE SECTION 345-10  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION, FOR EXPANDING THE PURPOSES OF THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

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