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AN ORDINANCE

APPROVING REVISIONS TO THE CITY'S TEN YEAR RECYCLING AND RESOURCE RECOVERY PLAN TO ACHIEVE A SIXTY PERCENT RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING RATE BY 2025

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WHEREAS, consistent with the objective of the City to create a more sustainable society, the Solid Waste Management Department (SWMD) developed a community-wide Ten Year Recycling and Resource Recovery Plan for Residential and Commercial Services, "Creating a Pathway to Zero Waste", which was adopted by the San Antonio City Council on June 24, 2010 through Resolution 2010-06-24-0038R; and

WHEREAS, the strategic goals of the Ten Year Recycling and Resource Recovery Plan included the goal to recycle 60% of the single family residential waste stream by 2020; and

WHEREAS, in August 2012 Council requested a comprehensive review of the Ten Year Recycling and Resource Recovery Plan and alternative options to the 60% recycling goal by 2020; and

WHEREAS, over a series of public meetings, the SWMD presented various business options to the Infrastructure and Growth Committee, to the Governance Committee, and to the Council at a "B" Session meeting on December 5, 2012; the Council agreed to the SWMD proposal to revise the Ten Year Recycling and Resource Recovery Plan to maintain the 60% recycling goal by extending the long-term recycling plan by five years, from 2020 to 2025; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance adopts and approves the revisions to the Ten Year Recycling and Resource Recovery Plan, including implementing a residential subscription-based organic recycling program for a monthly subscription fee of \$3.00, providing for a gradual implementation of variable rate pricing for garbage collection, and extending the timeline for reaching the 60% recycling goal for an additional five years; **NOW THEREFORE**,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The Ten Year Recycling and Resource Recovery Plan for Residential and Commercial Services developed by the Solid Waste Management Department (SWMD), as adopted by the San Antonio City Council on June 24, 2010 through Resolution 2010-06-24-0038R, is hereby revised and amended for the purpose of extending the timeline for reaching a 60% residential recycling goal from 2020 to 2025. This revision authorizes the SWMD to implement a residential subscription-based organic recycling program for a monthly subscription fee of \$3.00 and allows for a gradual implementation of variable rate pricing for garbage collection starting in October 2016, which will take place over a seven-year period, instead of a

two-year period as proposed in the existing plan. A copy of the Addendum which describes the major proposed revisions to the Plan is attached as **Exhibit “A”** and made a part hereof and incorporated herein for all purposes.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon passage by eight (8) or more affirmative votes or, if passed by fewer than eight (8) affirmative votes, shall be effective ten (10) days after passage.

PASSED and APPROVED this ____st day of January, 2013.

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Julián Castro

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Leticia M. Vacek, City Clerk

Michael D. Bernard, City Attorney