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**CITY OF JERSEY CITY** 

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## EXECUTIVE ORDER OF THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF JERSEY CITY

## GREEN COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the City of Jersey City and the entire planet face serious threats to health and safety as a result of various environmental problems that are caused by human conduct, such as global warming, and

WHEREAS, the City of Jersey City can have a major impact on the environment through its use of resources in its regular operations,

WHEREAS, the City of Jersey City can conduct its operations in a more sustainable manner that will do minimal or no damage to the environment, present the least potential threat to human health and to the City's natural systems and offset carbon emissions by conducting a rigorous environmental review of all purchasing and by promoting green principles in the construction of structures;

WHEREAS, the City Council passed four ordinances that sought to promote green purchasing and construction;

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Mayor of the City of Jersey City by law, I issue an Executive Order replacing Executive Order \_2009-005

There shall be created a Green Committee which shall consist of the Business Administrator, or his/her designees; the Corporation Counsel or his/her designees, the Director of Housing and Economic Development Corp. or his/her designees; Director of Planning or his/her designees; and a representative of the Mayor's Office.

The Green Committee shall create subcommittees as appropriate, which will consist of City Officials with relevant expertise.

The Green Committee shall:

- (A) Review all bid specifications before they are issued and all resolutions for the purchase of goods before they are submitted to the City Council and make recommendations as to whether the specifications and resolutions are acceptable from an environmental perspective and if unsuitable, recommend an alternative and more sustainable approach, and
- (B) Oversee the City's participation in the Sustainable Jersey Program.
- C) Review City Planning initiatives and programs and make recommendations to further the goals of creating a sustainable urban environment.
- D) Inform the Mayor, Municipal Council, and Public of the City's progress in meeting its goals of sustainability.
- E) Meet with the Jersey City Environmental Commission on a regular basis to develop synergies between the two organizations.
- F) Create subcommittees as appropriate, to address sustainability issues on an ongoing or ad hoc basis.

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately. The City Clerk, the Business Administrator and each Department Director shall post a copy of this Executive Order in a conspicuous place, provide a copy to any member of the public so requesting, and maintain a copy in their files.

Very truly yours,

JERRAMIAH 7. HEALY MAYOR

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cc: Robert Byrne, City Clerk

Jack Kelly, Business Administrator

William C. Matsikoudis, Corporation Counsel