

Office of the Mayor
City of Tulsa, Oklahoma

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2025-04

**ESTABLISHING THE TULSA SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE AND
LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR A CITY OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY
AND/OR AN AUTHORITY, BOARD, OR COMMISSION OF CITY
SUSTAINABILITY**

WHEREAS, the City of Tulsa recognizes the urgent need to address sustainability challenges to ensure a thriving, resilient community for current and future generations;

WHEREAS, Tulsa is part of a network of resilient cities that define resilience as the ability to survive, adapt and thrive through chronic stressors or acute shocks;

WHEREAS, a holistic resilience framework can be used to address sustainability challenges, and these dimensions of resilience include: Health & Wellbeing; Economy & Society; Infrastructure & Environment; and Local Governance & Planning;

WHEREAS, the City's comprehensive plan, planitulsa, emphasizes the importance of sustainability in urban planning, environmental stewardship, and economic development;

WHEREAS, sustainable practices can reduce energy usage and home expenses for families, freeing up valuable resources and improving the home environment for children;

WHEREAS, issues of environmental sustainability require regional coordination with tribal nations, counties, cities, and towns in order to align resources and insights;

WHEREAS, sustainable building practices are essential for the development of affordable and attainable housing to functionally solve homelessness in the Tulsa region;

WHEREAS, business leaders in Oklahoma have prioritized sustainability to optimize their operations, reduce their impact on the natural environment, and promote beneficial practices for their employees and customers;

WHEREAS, Tulsa's economic development requires diversification of industries and the energy resources needed to support these industries;

WHEREAS, residents of Tulsa expect their local government to be prudent stewards of taxpayer dollars by seeking more efficient ways to operate facilities, fleet, and natural resources;

WHEREAS, neighborhood revitalization efforts that include energy efficient lighting upgrades, increases in tree canopy coverage, and access to disaster preparedness information will contribute to Tulsa becoming the Safest Big City in the US;

WHEREAS, food security is critically important for the health and well-being of the Tulsa community, and a diversity of sustainable cultivation practices, including urban agriculture, community gardening, food forests, and farmers’ markets will make healthy food options more readily available for residents experiencing food insecurity;

WHEREAS, a dedicated effort is required to identify actionable strategies to implement the sustainability goals outlined in planitulsa and to coordinate efforts across city departments, businesses, and community organizations; and

NOW THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF TULSA, OKLAHOMA, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT OF THE TULSA SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE.

- A. There is hereby established the Tulsa Sustainability Task Force (hereafter “Task Force”), charged with developing actionable recommendations to implement key sustainability elements of planitulsa.
- B. The Task Force shall be composed of no fewer than 15 members, appointed by the Mayor, to include representatives from the following:
 - City of Tulsa departments;
 - Local businesses and industries, particularly those committed to environmental sustainability;
 - Nonprofit organizations and community groups with expertise in environmental justice, renewable energy, and urban planning;
 - Academic institutions with a focus on sustainability research;
 - Residents representing diverse neighborhoods and perspectives; and
 - The Muscogee, Cherokee, and Osage Nations.

SECTION 2. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES. The Task Force shall:

- A. Conduct a comprehensive review of planitulsa’s sustainability goals and prioritize elements for immediate and long-term implementation;
- B. Identify successful sustainability offices, initiatives, and programs of other cities and document what made these offices, initiatives, and programs successful;
- C. Identify funding sources, including grants, public-private partnerships, and federal programs, to support sustainability initiatives;
- D. Submit an initial report to the Mayor and City Council within six months of its formation and a final report within one year, detailing actionable strategies and a roadmap for implementation.

SECTION 3. SUPPORT FOR THE TASK FORCE.

- A. The City shall provide administrative and technical support to the Task Force through the Office of the Mayor and other relevant departments.
- B. The Task Force shall be empowered to seek expert consultation, hold public meetings, and engage stakeholders to inform its work.

SECTION 4. TRANSPARENCY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.

- A. The Task Force shall ensure that its process is transparent, including regular updates to the public through meetings, reports, and online communication channels.
- B. Community input shall be solicited throughout the Task Force’s work to reflect the diverse voices and priorities of Tulsa’s residents.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon signing.



Mayor


ATTEST:



City Clerk

MAR 05 2025
Date

APPROVED:



City Attorney

