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**ORDER ESTABLISHING INTEGRATED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT  
TASK FORCE**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the State of Maine to implement an integrated approach to solid waste management based on the following order of priority:

- a. reduction of waste generated at the source;
- b. reuse of waste;
- c. recycling of waste;
- d. composting of biodegradable waste;
- e. waste processing which reduces the volume of waste needing land disposal, including incineration; and
- f. land disposal of waste.

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the State to recycle or compost fifty percent (50%) of the municipal solid waste tonnage generated each year within the State; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the State to reduce the biennial generation of municipal solid waste tonnage by five percent (5%); and

WHEREAS, the State requires that any person employing 15 or more people at a site shall implement an office paper and corrugated cardboard recycling program; and

WHEREAS, the State regulates hazardous waste (e.g., paint, batteries, electronics) and sets management standards to protect public health and the environment, and to conserve natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland is a member municipality of ecomaine which owns and operates a state-of-the-art single stream recycling facility; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland recycled approximately 33% percent of municipal solid waste tonnage generated within the City; and

WHEREAS, there are facilities in Portland and surrounding areas that can effectively reuse, recycle, compost or otherwise process and market most materials discarded in Portland and, thereby, divert such materials from the waste stream while creating jobs; and

WHEREAS, achieving the State's recycling goals is ambitious and will require businesses and consumers to take responsibility to ensure that all discarded materials are diverted from the waste stream; and

WHEREAS, the City of Portland has made several changes to its solid waste program in recent years that have caused concern among many community members;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that an Integrated Solid Waste Management Task Force is hereby established for the following purposes:

- Review and assess existing municipal and commercial solid waste policies and programs;
- Inventory refuse receptacles on City property and recommend changes (if needed) to types and locations;
- Seek input on City solid waste policies and programs from stakeholders and the general public;
- Develop policies and programs to achieve the State's recycling goal, including increased business and consumer responsibility, by diverting discarded materials from the waste stream through recycling, composting or other means;
- Develop a five-year plan to implement the policies and programs necessary to achieve the State's recycling goal, including estimated cost and timeline; and
- Report recommendations to the City Council no later than September of 2010.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the Mayor shall appoint an Integrated Solid Waste Management Task Force that will include, in addition to interested residents of Portland, representatives of the following stakeholder groups:

- ecomaine;
- Commercial property managers and/or owners;
- Multifamily property managers and/or owners;
- Waste haulers; and
- Environmental advocates.

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that the City Manager shall designate the primary staff person or persons responsible for assisting the Task Force and for the participation of such other City departments as are necessary and appropriate.