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MAYOR MARK BEGICH  
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For reading: March 18, 2008

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA  
AR NO. 2008-37**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING  
THE POLICY AND PRACTICE OF "ZERO WASTE" PRODUCTION IN ALL  
MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS.**

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WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage is dedicated to protecting and conserving our natural resources and providing a healthy place to live; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality of Anchorage is committed to protecting and enhancing environmental quality and is focused on environmental sustainability; and

WHEREAS, thousands of tons of waste are generated in the Municipality of Anchorage area each year and approximately 90 percent of this amount is sent for landfill disposal, the placement of which can cause damage to human health, wastes natural resources, and serves to transfer liabilities to future generations; and

WHEREAS, waste prevention, reuse, recycling, and composting are material management options that conserve resources while reducing environmental impacts, increasing the cost-efficiency of local, publicly-supported recycling facilities and programs; and

WHEREAS, the guiding principles of "Zero Waste" production are: Managing resources instead of waste; conserving natural resources through waste prevention and recycling; turning discarded resources into jobs and products instead of trash; promoting products and materials that are durable and recyclable; and discouraging products and materials that can only become trash after their use; and

WHEREAS, adoption of policies and practices that support "Zero Waste" production gives the financial responsibility of collecting, recycling, and disposing of materials to producers, who should be designing products to ensure safe recycling back into the marketplace or nature; and

WHEREAS, with the understanding that government is ultimately responsible for leading by example and establishing the criteria needed to eliminate waste, so that manufacturers produce, and businesses sell, materials that can be safely recycled or composted;

WHEREAS, diverting waste products to productive economic uses provide a key stimulus to local development by creating new businesses and jobs, as has been

1 demonstrated by Anchorage businesses which use recycled newspapers for insulation  
2 and recycled glass for sandblasting;  
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4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Municipality of Anchorage will  
5 support, encourage, identify and engage in Zero Waste practices as a guiding principle  
6 for all Municipality of Anchorage operations, including the day-to-day outreach and  
7 community actions within the Municipality.  
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9 PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this \_\_\_\_\_day of  
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**MUNICIPALITY OF ANCHORAGE**  
**ASSEMBLY MEMORANDUM**  
**NO. AM 156-2008**

**Meeting Date:** March 18, 2008

**From:** Assembly Member Sheila Selkregg  
Mayor Mark Begich

**Subject: AR 2008-37 — A RESOLUTION OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY SUPPORTING THE POLICY AND PRACTICE OF “ZERO WASTE” PRODUCTION IN ALL MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS.**

The purpose of this resolution is to give a clear directive to all municipal departments to work towards reducing waste through everyday policies and practices. Passage of the resolution will give MOA access to information and consultation on the best available practices and policies from Zero Waste, an organization dedicated to reducing waste and cost-savings measures. In 2006, the Mat-Su Borough Assembly adopted a zero waste resolution which has helped involve its municipal employees at all levels to look at ways to reduce waste and save money.

Respectfully submitted:

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Assembly Member, Section 5

Municipality of Anchorage  
MUNICIPAL CLERK'S OFFICE  
**Agenda Document Control Sheet**

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<b>1</b>	SUBJECT OF AGENDA DOCUMENT	DATE PREPARED
	SUPPORTING THE POLICY AND PRACTICES OF "ZERO WASTE" PRODUCTION IN ALL MUNICIPAL OPERATIONS	3/7/08
		Indicate Documents Attached <input type="checkbox"/> AO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AM <input type="checkbox"/> AIM
<b>2</b>	DEPARTMENT NAME	DIRECTOR'S NAME
	Assembly	Dan Coffey, Assembly Chair
<b>3</b>	THE PERSON THE DOCUMENT WAS ACTUALLY PREPARED BY	HIS/HER PHONE NUMBER
	Kevin Harun, Renewable Resource Manager	343-4174
<b>4</b>	<b>COORDINATED WITH AND REVIEWED BY</b>	<b>INITIALS</b>
	<b>Mayor</b>	
	<b>Municipal Clerk</b>	
	<b>Municipal Attorney</b>	
	<b>Employee Relations</b>	
	<b>Municipal Manager</b>	
	Anchorage Parks & Recreation	
	Fire	
	Health & Human Services	
	Merrill Field Airport	
	Municipal Light & Power	
	Office of Management and Budget	
	Police	
	Port of Anchorage	
	Office of Economic & Community Development	
	Solid Waste Services	
	Public Transportation	
	Anchorage Water & Wastewater Utility	
	<b>Executive Manager</b>	
	Planning Department	
	Chief Fiscal Officer	
	Heritage Land Bank	
	Information Technology Department	
	Project Management & Engineering	
	Purchasing	
	<b>Other</b>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Special Instructions/Comments</b>	
	CONSENT AGENDA - RESOLUTIONS FOR ACTION-OTHER	
<b>6</b>	ASSEMBLY HEARING DATE REQUESTED	<b>7</b> PUBLIC HEARING DATE REQUESTED
	3/18/08	

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