



## **Public Invited to Discuss Sustainability Initiative**

*Mayor Ralph Becker Invites Input on Effort to Enhance City Livability*

SALT LAKE CITY – Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker and City Planning Department officials will host a public meeting at the Salt Lake City Main Library on Thursday, December 9 at 6 p.m. to report on the progress of the Mayor’s Sustainability City Code Initiative and answer questions from the public.

The three-phase initiative is based on an exhaustive reworking of city ordinance aimed at removing barriers to enhancing livability and establishing sustainable practices that address the near-term needs of residents and the long-term goals of reducing the community’s reliance on limited, non-renewable resources.

Proposed code changes include allowing wider use of clean-energy collectors like solar panels and wind turbines, promoting transit-oriented development, creating new opportunities for urban agriculture, promoting recycling, requiring efficient use of water resources in new development and promoting bike routes and pedestrian connectivity in and throughout the City.

“We’re moving forward in our work to reach the goals expressed by our residents to remove government barriers to sustainable practices,” Mayor Becker said. “We look forward to public comment and input on these initiatives as our work progresses.”

- WHO:** Salt Lake City Mayor Ralph Becker  
City Planning Department Officials
- WHAT:** Public Meeting on Sustainability City Code Initiative
- WHEN:** Thursday, December 9  
6 p.m.
- WHERE:** Salt Lake City Main Library  
210 E. 400 South  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Rooms A, B and C