

Summary
Board Bill Number 76
Introduced by Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier
September 11, 2026

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WHEREAS, Mayor Slay began the City's formal sustainability planning process. Mayor Slay initiated the process by asking the community to develop a vision for a more socially, economically, and environmentally sustainable St. Louis; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Slay commissioned the City's first Sustainability Plan, a 260-page document developed through two years of public engagement. His Sustainability Action Agenda specifically called for “Create an Office of Sustainability” in which a Sustainability Director would work with a City Green Team to implement and track sustainability initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Slay issued Executive Order No. 52, which substantially expanded and institutionalized sustainability practices within City government—recycling in City facilities, green cleaning products, sustainable procurement, and recycling requirements for City-permitted events; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis adopted its 2025 Sustainability and Climate Plan as part of the City’s Comprehensive Plan, establishing a 5-year roadmap to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, address climate change, strengthen community resilience, and advance a healthy, safe, and sustainable city; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Sustainability currently operates within the City's Planning and Urban Design Agency and performs functions related to sustainability planning, climate resilience, resource conservation, and coordination of sustainability initiatives.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE. There is hereby created the Office of Sustainability, which shall be an office of the Planning and Urban Design Agency. The Office shall support the City's efforts to advance environmental sustainability, climate resilience, resource conservation, and long-range sustainability planning. The Office may coordinate, support, and implement sustainability and climate initiatives among City departments; provide technical assistance and policy recommendations; pursue and administer grants and other funding opportunities; collect, analyze, and report data related to sustainability initiatives; engage with residents and community stakeholders; and perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Director of the Planning and Urban Design Agency or by ordinance.

SECTION TWO. Severability Clause. It is hereby declared to be the intention of the Board of Aldermen that each and every part, section and subsection of this Ordinance shall be separate and severable from each and every other part, section and subsection hereof and that the Board of Aldermen intends to adopt each said part, section and subsection separately and independently of any other part, section and subsection. In the event that any part, section or subsection of this Ordinance shall be determined to be or to have been unlawful or unconstitutional, the remaining parts, sections and subsections shall be and remain in full force and effect, unless the court making such finding shall determine that the valid portions standing alone are incomplete and are incapable of being executed in accord with the legislative intent.

FISCAL NOTE
BOARD BILL NUMBER 76

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Bill Sponsor Alderwoman Alisha Sonnier

Bill Synopsis:	<i>Codifies the existing Office of Sustainability within the Planning and Urban Design Agency and establishes its authorized functions.</i>
Type of Impact:	<i>Indeterminate (Continuation of Existing Program; Ongoing Appropriation Required)</i>
Agencies Affected:	<i>Planning and Urban Design Agency; Office of Sustainability.</i>

SECTION A
Does this bill authorize:

- An expansion of services which entails additional costs beyond that approved in the current adopted city budget? ___Yes ___XNo
- An undertaking of a new service for which no funding is provided in the current adopted city budget? ___Yes ___XNo
- A commitment of city funding in the future under certain specified conditions? ___X___Yes ___No
- An issuance of bonds, notes and lease-purchase agreements which may require additional funding beyond that approved in the current adopted city budget? ___Yes ___XNo
- An execution or initiation of an activity as a result of federal or state mandates or requirements? ___Yes ___XNo
- A capital improvement project that increases operating costs over the current adopted city budget? ___Yes ___XNo

- A capital improvement project that requires funding not approved in the current adopted city budget or that will require funding in future years? _____ Yes _____ X No

If the answer is yes to any of the above questions, then a fiscal note must be attached to the board bill. Complete Section B of the form below.

SECTION B

- Does the bill require the construction of any new physical facilities? _____ Yes _____ X No

- If yes, describe the facilities and provide the estimated cost:

- Is the bill estimated to have a direct fiscal impact on any city department or office? _____ X Yes _____ No

- If yes, explain the impact and the estimated cost:

The bill codifies the existing Office of Sustainability within the Planning and Urban Design Agency and authorizes it to continue sustainability planning, climate resilience, resource conservation, interdepartmental coordination, technical assistance, grant administration, data reporting, and stakeholder engagement. The bill does not establish staffing levels, compensation, service levels, or a specific appropriation. Accordingly, the annual City cost attributable to maintaining the Office is indeterminate from the bill.

- Does the bill create a program or administrative subdivision? _____ X Yes _____ No

- If yes, then is there a similar existing program or administrative subdivision?

_____ X Yes _____ No

- If yes, explain the how the proposed programs or administrative subdivisions may overlap:

The bill formally creates the Office of Sustainability, which the legislative findings state already operates within the Planning and Urban Design Agency and performs functions related to sustainability planning, climate resilience, resource conservation, and coordination of sustainability initiatives. The codified Office therefore overlaps with—and continues—the existing Office rather than establishing a separate parallel operation.

- Describe the annual operating, equipment, and maintenance costs that would result from the proposed bill, as well as any funding sources:

The bill codifies an existing office and does not require a specific expansion of its operations, staffing, equipment, or maintenance. Therefore, no additional annual operating, equipment, or maintenance costs resulting from the bill can be quantified. Continued operation of the Office will depend on appropriations approved through the City's annual budget process. The bill authorizes the Office to pursue and administer grants and other funding opportunities; no specific funding source or amount is identified.

Complete the chart below to list the total estimated expenditures required of the City resulting from the proposed board bill and any estimated savings or additional revenue.

Financial Estimate of Impact on General Fund			
Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1 (current)</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
Additional Expenditures	<i>Indeterminate</i>	<i>Indeterminate</i>	<i>Indeterminate</i>
Additional Revenue	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>
Net	<i>Indeterminate</i>	<i>Indeterminate</i>	<i>Indeterminate</i>
Financial Estimate of Impact on Special Funds			
Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1 (current)</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
Additional Expenditures	<i>Indeterminate</i>	<i>Indeterminate</i>	<i>Indeterminate</i>
Additional Revenue	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>
Net	<i>Indeterminate</i>	<i>Indeterminate</i>	<i>Indeterminate</i>

- Describe any assumptions used in preparing this fiscal note:

This fiscal note assumes the bill codifies and continues the Office described in the legislative findings; it does not assume expansion beyond the functions stated in the bill. Because the bill creates no appropriation, identifies no staffing or compensation levels, and does not allocate costs between the General Fund and Special Funds, expenditures and net impact are shown as indeterminate for each fund and year. Potential grants or other funding opportunities are not recorded as revenue because no award or amount is identified.

- List any sources of information (including any City officials, agencies, or departments) used in preparing this fiscal note:

Board Bill 76, introduced September 11, 2026.

- Have the financial estimates of this bill been verified by the City Budget Division?

____Yes XNo

- If yes, by whom? _____ .