

# FAIRHAVEN SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS RECOGNITION APPLICATION FORM

Sponsored By: The Fairhaven Sustainability Committee

Businesses selected for Fairhaven's Sustainable Business Recognition shall retain their recognition for 1 year. To remain on the Sustainable Business Recognition Index afterwards, all businesses must apply for renewal.

Choose Only One:	
FIRST YEAR APPLICATION	
RENEWAL APPLICATION	
Application Requirements:	
Name of Business: Full name of the official business seeking recognition	
Address of Business: Physical location of business No PO Box addresses please	
Phone # of Business: Main business line preferred	
Contact Person(s) of Business:  Person(s) who Champion Sustainable efforts throughout the business	
Type of Business: What is the main service or business you provide	
Social Media of Business: Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, X, or other profiles your business may use	
Is this your first time applying for	Sustainable Business Recognition?

If so, please let us know exactly what are the measurable sustainable actions your business has taken.

### How do I measure our business's sustainable actions?

Sustainability actions can be measured in a number of ways and often called "Sustainable Metrics", they include but are not limited to:

### **Carbon Footprint**

Conducting a carbon audit, identifying where greenhouse gas emissions come from and are then reduced, or are planned to reduce.

# Water Usage

Measuring the quantity (volume) of water used by cubic feet or gallons during a specific period of time compared to the same length of time with the reduced usage.

# Renewable Eneregy

The use of gridtied solar energy, sign up for Fairhaven's aggregation program, the use of biomass, hydroelectric, or wind energy.

### **Energy Consumption**

How much electricity used during a 12-month period compared to previous measurements. Kilowatt-hours (kWh) are the units used to measure electricity bills.

# **Waste Management**

Calculate waste that has been reduced with sustainable actions such as, recycling, reusing, and/or composting compared when sustainable actions were not taken.

### Volunteerism

Identifying any sustainability contribution(s) your business has made throughout Fairhaven, such as; organizing and/or participating in neigborhood clean-ups.

# What if my business is renewing our Sustainable Business Recognition?

Please compare the metrics of last year submission (and previous years if multiple years as a Sustainable Business) measuring and highlighting how your business's actions have grown. Including any and ALL additional actions taken.

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These are more commonly referred to as People, Planet, and Prosperity.

Please check all the sustainable actions your business conducts.

After each action is checked, identify the metrics used for measuring your sustainable actions. These measurements show your commitment to your sustainable actions.

If your actions are *not* shown on this application, then please identify what it is you do and how you measure it inside the boxes labelled OTHER in the section you believe your action is best categorized.

# PEOPLE – Your business's social actions taken

On the left check ALL that apply, and on the right write in your metrics

<u>                                      </u>	<u>RANSPORTATION</u>			
Facilitate employee carpools	Your Measurement:			
Subsidize public transit for employees	Your Measurement:			
Offer bicycle parking	Your Measurement:			
Purchase hybrid / fuel efficient vehicles	Your Measurement:			
Offer telecommuting / compressed work weeks	Your Measurement:			
Install electric vehicle charging stations	Your Measurement:			
Other (please specify):	Your Measurement:			
SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY				
Offer employee benefit programs	Your Measurement:			
Sell healthy foods (if applicable)	Your Measurement:			
Participation in community service programs	Your Measurement:			
Offering work-life balance for business staff	Your Measurement:			
Inclusive hiring practices	Your Measurement:			
Mentorship programs	Your Measurement:			
Awareness and education programs	Your Measurement:			
Develop diverse teams	Your Measurement:			
Other (please specify):	Your Measurement:			

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# PLANET – Your business's environmental actions taken

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	STE MANAGEMENT
Reduced waste generated	Your Measurement:
Reduce product packaging	Your Measurement:
Reduce paper use	Your Measurement:
Increase recycling	Your Measurement:
Purchase recycling materials	Your Measurement:
Manufacture or sell recycled products	Your Measurement:
Compost food scraps & yard waste	Your Measurement:
Other (please specify):	Your Measurement:
	ENERGY USE
Installed on-site solar or wind energy	Your Measurement:
Signed up for aggregated energy program	Your Measurement:
Signed up for aggregated energy program  Installed geothermal heating & cooling system	Your Measurement:  Your Measurement:
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Installed geothermal heating & cooling system  Conducted an energy audit	Your Measurement:  Your Measurement:  Your Measurement:  Your Measurement:
Installed geothermal heating & cooling system  Conducted an energy audit  Installed energy efficient lighting	Your Measurement:  Your Measurement:  Your Measurement:

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WATER CONSERVATION

Your Measurement: Install low flow toilets & aerators for faucets
Your Measurement:  Educate employees on saving water
Your Measurement:  Optimize landscape watering
Your Measurement:  Use native, drought tolerant plants
Your Measurement: Harvesting / Recycling grey water
Your Measurement: Serve drinking water only by request
Other (please specify):  Your Measurement:
GREEN BUILDING / LANDSCAPE
Your Measurement: Install a green roof
Your Measurement:  No Mow specific areas of land
Your Measurement:  Construct a rain garden
Your Measurement: Use no / low VOC paints
Your Measurement: Use sustainable building materials
Your Measurement: Plant native grass, plants
Your Measurement:  Creating a natural habitat
Your Measurement:  Mulching
Other (please specify):  Your Measurement:

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# Eliminate the use of toxic chemicals Your Measurement: Use green cleaning supplies Your Measurement: Your Measurement: Your Measurement: Your Measurement: Use sustainable suppliers Other (please specify): Your Measurement: Your Measurement: Your Measurement:

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# PROSPERITY – Your business's economical actions taken

On the left check ALL that apply, and on the right write in your metrics

# COMMITMENT TO LOCAL ECONOMY Your Measurement: Purchase products from local suppliers

Purchase products from local suppliers	
Offer training for local residents	Your Measurement:
Offer staff positions for local residents	Your Measurement:
Hire workers from local schools, colleges, etc.	Your Measurement:
Mentor local entrepreneurs	Your Measurement:
Mentor new local businesses	Your Measurement:
Donate to local charity / causes	Your Measurement:
Other (please specify):	Your Measurement:

# DO YOU HAVE A MISSION VISION VALUE STATEMENT?

If so tell us, we'd love to hear them and get a better idea of who your business is and what your business strives for.

A mission, vision, and values statement are the foundational elements of a business that guide its goals and principles.

The three statements provide strategic direction.

# **Mission Statement**

Define your businesses goals and how it will achieve them. This statement should be simple and state the purpose of what your business does and how it will do it. A good formula to remember when crafting a mission statement is the 5 W's: who, what, where, when, and why, even *the how*.

# **Vision Statement**

Focuses on what your business aspires to become in the future. This statement is typically more abstract, as it looks forward and creates a mental image of the ideal state that your business wishes to achieve.

## **Values Statement**

Our Mission Statement: (optional)

This statement reflects your business's core principles and ethics. This statement should be reflective of who your business is, but not be obvious.

Our Vision Statement: (optional)
Our Values Statement: (optional)
s there anything else you would like to tell us about that your business does to contribute to Sustainability and the effort and actions that take place, please feel free to write it here: