

RESOLUTION No. 3 7 3 7 9 As Amended

Update the City of Portland Sustainable Procurement Policy (Resolution; amend ADM-1.09)

WHEREAS, City Resolution 37121, adopted April 22, 2015 updated the City of Portland Sustainable City Principles, which directs the City to “[m]ake decisions and take actions that balance environmental quality, economic prosperity and social equity;” and

WHEREAS, the products and services the City purchases have inherent social, human health, environmental, and economic impacts; and

WHEREAS, the human health, environmental, social, and economic impacts of products and services occur throughout their life cycle and throughout the associated supply chains; and

WHEREAS, the City can leverage its purchasing to reduce adverse impacts throughout product or service life cycles and influence positive change within markets and communities; and

WHEREAS, City Resolution 37135, adopted June 24, 2015, established the City of Portland and Multnomah County 2015 Climate Action Plan, which directs the City to “... prioritize efforts to reduce carbon emissions associated with procurement decisions;” and

WHEREAS, the 2016 Procurement Services’ Sustainable Supply Chain Analysis found that for fiscal year 2014-2015, the supply chain greenhouse gas emissions associated with the City’s purchases were over four times the City’s Scope 1 (direct operations) and Scope 2 (electricity generation) greenhouse gas emissions from the same period; and

WHEREAS, City Resolution No. 36620, adopted July 16, 2008, established the City of Portland Sustainable Procurement Policy; and

WHEREAS, during the development of this update to the City’s Sustainable Procurement Policy, feedback from City employees included the recommendation to consolidate existing procurement-related sustainability policies under one policy; and

WHEREAS, City Resolution 36146, adopted June 11, 2003, established the City of Portland Sustainable Paper Use Policy, which directs the City to reduce paper use and purchase environmentally responsible paper products; and

WHEREAS, City Resolution 36641, adopted October 15, 2008, established the City of Portland Sweatshop Free Procurement Policy and Code of Conduct for Apparel Contractors, which directs the City to purchase apparel products made in factories abiding by labor best practices based upon the core conventions of the International Labor Organization, the United Nations’ Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the United Nations conventions on the rights of the child and the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women; and

WHEREAS, City Resolution 37150, adopted August 26, 2015, directs the City to consider the presence of conflict minerals when purchasing cellular devices and radio subscriber units; and

WHEREAS, City Resolution 36958, adopted September 19, 2012, directs the City to support product ingredient disclosure practices and purchase products that are safer and less hazardous; and

WHEREAS, the field of institutional sustainable procurement has evolved significantly since the City last updated its Sustainable Procurement Policy such that in 2017 ISO published the international standard ISO 20400: Sustainable Procurement – Guidance, and there is a robust community of practice defining best practices through organizations like the Sustainable Purchasing Leadership Council; and

WHEREAS, by understanding and taking responsibility for the full, life cycle impacts and costs of goods and services associated with City purchases, the City reduces risk, practices fiscal responsibility, reduces adverse social and environmental impacts, and contributes to sustainable development in general; and

WHEREAS, part of taking responsibility for the full life cycle of impacts and costs of goods and services should include the labor practices of companies that require subcontracting of employees to provide a service the city procures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Portland Sustainable Procurement Policy attached hereto as Exhibit A, is updated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Office of Management and Finance is directed to work with stakeholders groups, including but not limited to, union labor representatives, community member organization representatives, and contracting trade associations to provide recommendations to this policy for contracted services that address corporate responsibility disclosures, scoring for equity and economic sustainability, best practices in labor relations, and accountability, compliance and monitoring. These policy recommendations will come back to City Council no later than 90 days from the passage of this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution is binding city policy and supersedes:

1. The Sustainable Procurement Policy adopted in Resolution No. 36814; and
2. The Sustainable Paper Use Policy adopted in Resolution 36146; and
3. The Sweatshop Free Procurement Policy adopted in Resolution 36641; and
4. The Healthy Purchasing Initiative adopted in Resolution 36958; and
5. Resolution 37150 on conflict minerals in cellular devices and radio transcriber units.

Adopted by the Council:

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