

ADM-1.09 - Sustainable Procurement Policy

SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT POLICY

Binding City Policy

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[Link to Exhibit A](#) (PDF Document, 78 kb)

PURPOSE

WHEREAS, City Resolution 35338, adopted November 23, 1994, established the City of Portland Sustainable City Principles, which direct the City to "purchase products based on long-term environmental and operating costs and find ways to include environmental and social costs in short-term prices;" and

WHEREAS, purchasing decisions have a critical role in meeting the City's green building, toxics reduction, global warming, and related sustainability goals; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes its responsibility to minimize negative impacts on human health and the environment while supporting a diverse, equitable, and vibrant community and economy; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that the types of products and services the City buys have inherent social, human health, environmental and economic impacts, and that the City should make procurement decisions that embody the City's ongoing commitment to sustainability; and

WHEREAS, City Resolution 36061, adopted March 20, 2002, established the Sustainable Procurement Strategy: A Joint City of Portland and Multnomah County Effort, which provided a five-year action plan for the City to work on incorporating sustainability principles into City procurement decisions; and

WHEREAS, a large number of employees affect the City's procurement decisions and since the end of the five-year Sustainable Procurement Strategy: A Joint City of Portland and Multnomah County Effort, there continues to be a need to provide guidance and resources for City employees on integrating sustainability concepts into City procurement decisions;

POLICY

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Portland Sustainable Procurement Policy attached hereto as [Exhibit A](#), is adopted; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution is binding city policy and supersedes prior sustainable procurement strategies adopted in Resolution Nos. 36061 and 36145; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that should City Council at a later date adopt a policy prohibiting the City from purchasing apparel products from suppliers with known sweatshop working

conditions that the Bureau of Purchases shall incorporate key principles from such a policy into the Sustainable Procurement Policy and update the Sustainable Procurement Policy in the Portland Policy Documents.

**Note: [Exhibit A](#) is in PDF format and requires the free [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#).*

HISTORY

Resolution No. 36145, adopted by City Council June 11, 2003.

Superseded by Resolution No. 36620, adopted by City Council July 16, 2008.