

## CITY OF EAST LANSING POLICY

### RESOLUTION NO. 2017-2

#### RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE PURCHASING POLICIES TO INCLUDE A PROVISION FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PURCHASING

WHEREAS, the City Council believes that its purchasing policies should promote the purchase of environmentally preferable products and services that meet the operational needs of the department for which the products or services are intended; and,

WHEREAS, the City of East Lansing's Climate Sustainability Plan sets forth broad sustainability goals targeting more specific actions within five program areas: Waste Management, Energy Efficiency, Renewable Energy, Transportation, and Water Management, continuously proposing actions or policies that will strengthen and build upon the City's existing efforts in those program areas; and,

WHEREAS, in its purchasing of products and services, the City of East Lansing continues to move these goals forward by incorporating environmental considerations directly into purchasing decisions; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase of environmentally preferable products and services by the City sends a clear message to producers and suppliers about the City's commitment to the environment and encourages wider adoption of environmentally preferable products and practices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that it shall be the policy of the City of East Lansing that all offices, departments and divisions commit to purchasing decisions which:

- Minimize the City's contribution to climate change
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- Promote a local green economy
- Promote practices that protect and improve human and environmental health and habitats
- Protect and conserve natural resources
- Promote waste reduction and minimize waste generation
- Encourage City partners to adopt practices that minimize environmental impacts
- Encourage private-sector development of products and services that align with these purchasing decisions
- Minimize impacts on biodiversity
- Consider product lifecycle impacts

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, while environmentally preferable products can vary in their environmental attributes and levels of sustainability, for the purposes of this policy, the City of

East Lansing is focused on purchasing products and services that contain some combination of the following characteristics:

- Contain recycled materials
- Minimize waste
- Are made from sustainable resources
- Conserve energy, water, or other natural resources
- Prevent pollution
- Contain fewer toxics
- Protect open-space
- Encourage sustainable practices
- Use energy alternatives to fossil fuel
- Originate from suppliers who continuously strive to minimize environmental impacts and who can document supply-chain impacts of their efforts

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, in order to achieve the above goals, the City of East Lansing will take into account the following when making purchases with City funds:

1. Prioritize waste reduction and cost efficiency opportunities by identifying alternative options to the purchase of new products
2. Prioritize purchasing based on products that contain the highest percentage of post-consumer recycled content material available for product or service sought
3. Procure products that are recyclable and give preference to products that are made with recycled content that are themselves recyclable
4. Consider the product or services' entire lifecycle cost and impact into the buying decision including generation, maintenance, operating, insurance, disposal, recycle or replacement, and potential liability
5. Utilize environmentally preferable products and services where criteria have been established by governmental or other independent or widely recognized authorities and recognized with eco-labels

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, as appropriate, standard specifications should be modified to incorporate environmentally preferable product or service attributes and City of East Lansing specifications and performance standards for products and services shall not require the use of products made from virgin materials nor specifically exclude the use of environmentally preferable products;


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of East Lansing shall seek to maintain environmentally preferable purchasing standards and specifications that promote continuous improvement of environmental performance and cost competitiveness in the marketplace;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of East Lansing does not calculate a direct price preference for environmentally preferable products or services in the selection of bidders and that, environmentally preferable products and services comparable to their standard counterparts in quality and price with an up to 10 % price differential, will receive purchasing preference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Nothing in this policy shall require an agency, employee or vendor under contract with the City of East Lansing to exclude competition or to purchase products or services that do not perform to the City's standards or are not available at a reasonable cost in a required period of time;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that, preference given to environmentally preferable products and services may be waived for the following reasons:

- The sustainable product or service does not meet the required form, functionality, or utility
- The sustainable product or service is prohibitively expensive or cannot be competitively priced
- An emergency or compelling public health or safety reason exists to prohibit the purchase of the sustainable product

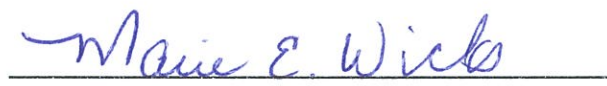
  
Mark S. Meadows, Mayor  
Dated: March 7, 2017

Moved by Council member: Woods

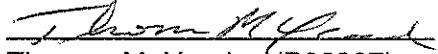
Supported by Council member: Altmann

ADOPTED:      Yeas:      4  
                             Nays:      0  
                             Absent:    1

CLERKS CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the East Lansing City Council at a public meeting held on March 7, 2017, the original of which is part of the Council's minutes.

  
Marie E. Wicks, City Clerk  
City of East Lansing  
Ingham and Clinton Counties, Michigan

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