

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

RESOLUTION NO. _____

Resolution Reaffirming the County's Commitment to Sustainable Purchasing By
Initiating a Healthy Purchasing Initiative in Collaboration with the City Of Portland

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Finds:

- a. Multnomah County and the City of Portland adopted the joint 2006 Toxics Reduction Strategy, that established a foundation for and commitment to eliminating the purchase, use, and release of hazardous chemicals of concern in government operations.
- b. Multnomah County can help protect the health of citizens, our employees, and the environment by creating a Healthy Purchasing Initiative (HPI) to identify and purchase safer products for use in county facilities.
- c. Multnomah County, through its purchasing decisions, can leverage the use of public funds for positive change in the marketplace and support innovative products and businesses in our region and beyond.

The Multnomah County Board of Commissioners Resolves:

1. To initiate a Healthy Purchasing Initiative that builds upon the Toxics Reduction Strategy by requesting chemical ingredient hazard disclosure for goods and materials purchased by the County including but not limited to: cleaning supplies, office supplies, building products and materials, and infrastructure materials, in order to strengthen transparency in the marketplace.
2. The County's Purchasing Division will work with county departments to implement a pilot program which will include identification of priority products, development of a chemical disclosure form (or adoption of an existing chemical disclosure protocol), and collaboration with vendors and manufacturers to identify products that avoid toxic chemicals of concern.
3. The County will collaborate with the City of Portland in implementing the HPI so that both jurisdictions may share expertise to guide and inform future purchasing decisions and leverage the combined purchasing power of the two jurisdictions.

4. An annual progress update on healthy purchasing and toxics reduction efforts at the County shall be included in the Purchasing Annual Report delivered each year to the Board of Commissioners, using, to the extent possible, measurement and reporting criteria developed in collaboration with the City of Portland.

ADOPTED this 20th day of September, 2012.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

Jeff Cogen, Chair

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