

RESOLUTION NO. 55,286 - N.S.

ADOPTING A RECYCLED PRODUCTS PROCUREMENT POLICY.

WHEREAS, the volume of material disposed of at landfills has been increasing annually, and

WHEREAS, sanitary landfill space is at a premium and it is becoming increasingly difficult to site new landfills, and

WHEREAS, much of the material that enters the waste stream can be recycled, reused or incorporated in the manufacture of new products, and

WHEREAS, City of Berkeley participation in and promotion of recycling programs can significantly reduce the volume of material entering the waste stream thereby extending landfill life expectancy and reducing expenses, and

WHEREAS, for recycling programs to be effective, markets must be developed for products which incorporate postconsumer materials in their manufacture, are reusable, or are designed to be recycled.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that:

1. Within twelve months subsequent to the effective date of this section, the City of Berkeley must conduct a review of existing product and service specifications to determine whether existing specifications either require the use of products manufactured from virgin materials or exclude the use of recycled products, reusable products, and designed to be recycled.
2. In the event that such specifications do exclude the use of recycled products or require the use of virgin materials, then such exclusions or requirements must be eliminated unless the pertinent department or entity can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the City Manager that these recycled products would not achieve a necessary performance standard.
3. Within the same 12 months period, all City of Berkeley departments and agencies must recommend changes to the City Manager to ensure that performance standards for particular products can be met, that specifications are not overly stringent, and recommend changes to

ensure that specifications will incorporate a requirement for the use of recycled materials, reusable products, and products designed to be recycled to the maximum extent practicable, subject to an alternative showing that either the performance of the product will be jeopardized or that the product will negatively impact health, safety or operational efficiency.

4. Outside contractors bidding to provide products or services to the City of Berkeley demonstrate that they will comply with the specifications described in paragraph 3 to the greatest extent feasible.
5. City of Berkeley staff will work to encourage the copier industry to develop high speed copiers which will accept recycled paper. In addition, recycled paper shall be purchased and used in all copy machines which will accept it and shall also be used for printing purposes.
6. When recycled products are used, reasonable efforts shall be undertaken to label the products to indicate that they contain recycled materials. City of Berkeley departments and agencies shall use for their mast-head stationery and envelopes recycled paper which includes postconsumer recycled content and indicate on the paper and envelopes that they contain recycled material. Other recycled products used by the City of Berkeley shall also indicate that they contain recycled material to the extent practicable.
7. A 10% or greater price preference may be given to recycled products, reusable products offered as alternatives to disposable products, and products designed to be recycled where they are offered as alternatives to non-recyclable products. The preference percentage shall be based on the lowest bid or price quoted by the supplier or suppliers offering non-recycled products.
8. The City of Berkeley will cooperate to the greatest extent feasible with neighboring city and county governments in an effort to develop a comprehensive, consistent and effective procurement effort intended to stimulate the market for recycled products, reusable products, and products designed to be recycled.
9. All related City of Berkeley departments and agencies shall work cooperatively to further the purpose of the resolution. The City of Berkeley economic development process shall incorporate the goal of stimulating the market for recycled material.

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Dated April 3, 1990

Adopted by the Council of the City of Berkeley by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Chandler, Dean, Goldfarb, Shirek, Skinner,
Weekes, and President Hancock.

Noes: None.

Abstaining: None.

Absent: Councilmembers Jelinek and Wainwright.

Loni Hancock

Mayor and President of the Council

Attest

Marie McTeekin
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council