

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

ORDINANCE NO. 608

An ordinance establishing County policy on purchasing environmentally sound and re-usable, recyclable, recycled, and biodegradable products, and authorizing a five percent (5%) price preference for recycled paper products.

Multnomah County ordains as follows:

SECTION I. FINDINGS

A. The use of environmentally sound and recycled and recyclable materials benefits the environment by conserving natural resources and energy and by reducing pollution of air and water.

B. County purchase of environmentally sound products and products containing recycled and recyclable materials increases demand for these products, thereby making them more available locally, more widely used, and more economical.

C. The Oregon Legislature has established priority in methods of managing solid waste as follows: 1) reduce the amount of solid waste generated; 2) reuse material for the purpose it was originally intended; 3) recycle material that cannot be reused; 4) recover energy; and 5) landfill.

D. County purchase of environmentally sound products and products containing recycled and recyclable materials can be a model to local citizens, businesses and institutions to increase their purchase of such products.

E. To encourage the manufacture, supply and bidding of recycled products, the County can give preference to materials and supplies manufactured from recycled materials.

F. It is possible for the County to purchase more recycled paper with minimum added cost. A 5% price preference for recycled paper products is given by the State, is appropriate for the County, and is a better method than a "set-aside".

G. The County and the City of Portland jointly purchase and use paper. A joint approach is now feasible and desirable.

H. The use of retread tires and compost and barkdust which include recycled waste material is an environmentally sound and economically feasible practice under certain circumstances.

SECTION II. PURCHASING POLICY

A. It is the policy of Multnomah County to purchase materials and products which are environmentally sound in their manufacture, use and disposal.

B. The County shall develop purchasing procedures which assure purchase of products and materials which are, in order of preference, reusable, recyclable, and made from recycled materials. A biodegradable product which is suitable for its intended use shall be preferred to one which is not biodegradable.

C. The County shall use recycled paper when practicable, and will grant a 5% price preference on all paper products made from recycled paper. Recycled paper means paper that has a content of at least 50% recycled fibers or the maximum amount practicable. Four criteria will be applied in determining maximum amount practicable: (1) performance in accordance with applicable specifications; (2) availability at a reasonable price; (3) availability within a reasonable period of time; and (4) maintenance of a satisfactory level of competition.

D. The County shall require its contractors operating within County facilities to use, in the performance of the contract work, products and materials which are, in order of preference, reusable, recyclable, and made from recycled materials. A biodegradable product which is suitable for its intended use shall be preferred to one which is not biodegradable.

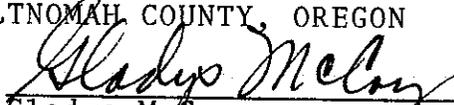
E. To the greatest extent practicable, the County shall use retread tires and compost and barkdust which include recycled waste material.

ADOPTED this 9th day of February, 1989,
being the date of its second reading before the Board of County
Commissioners of Multnomah County.

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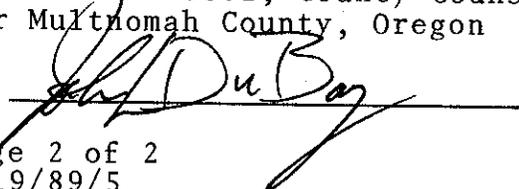
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