

Environmental Preference in Procurement

WHEREAS, the Town of Hurley recognizes the responsibility of local governments to take effective measures to reduce or limit the environmental impacts of their operations and to conserve resources:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Hurley hereby adopts the following amendment to the Town of Hurley Procurement Policy, Chapter 35 of the Town Code:

§ 35-8 Environmental Preference

- A. Energy Use: Priority shall be given to products and services which consume the least amount of energy in their manufacture, use and disposal. Where possible, Energy Star qualification and/or an equivalent elevated measure of efficiency shall be a minimum requirement in any energy consuming equipment, device, vehicle or appliance purchase.
- B. Sustainability of Materials: Priority shall be given to products and services which incorporate products which are made from sustainable materials, and/or contain a significant level of recycled or reprocessed material and which are manufactured locally, and/or which are packaged to reduce transportation costs.
- C. Forest Conservation: To the greatest extent practicable, the Town shall not procure wood products such as lumber and paper that originate from forests harvested in an environmentally unsustainable manner. When practicable, the Town shall give preference to wood and wood products that are certified to be sustainably harvested by a comprehensive, performance-based certification system.
- D. Packaging: Priority shall be given to products which are minimally packaged using recycled, recyclable or biodegradable packaging materials.
- E. Environmental Impacts: Priority shall be given to products which reduce impacts on the environment during manufacture, use or disposal.
- F. Health Impacts: Priority shall be given to products and services which reduce or eliminate health risks to employees and/or citizens in their manufacture, use or disposal. In particular, products that contain Chlorine, PVC, and/or emit unhealthy levels of chemical emissions during use should be avoided.
- G. Bid documents and requests for proposals shall be drafted to encourage environmentally preferable purchases and service by incorporating bidding specifications that procure goods and services with a reduced environmental impact where appropriate.
- H. Local Sourcing: Preference shall be given to local vendors, products, and services which meet the guidelines in this Section where feasible. Because the purchase of a local product typically correlates with lower lifetime emissions related to that product, locally sourced purchases shall also be understood to be “environmentally preferable”
- I. Nothing in this policy shall be construed as requiring the procurement of products or services that do not perform adequately for the intended use or are not available at a reasonable price in a reasonable period of time.

Motion by:

Second by:

Aye

Nay

- Melinda McKnight, Supervisor
- Jana Martin, Councilmember
- Gregory Simpson, Councilmember
- Peter Humphries, Councilmember
- Michael Boms, Councilmember