

**RESOLUTION NO. BPW-2013-06**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY ADOPTING A GREEN PURCHASING POLICY FOR ALL CITY DEPARTMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Whiting (the "Board"), is the governing body of the Whiting Civil City which exists and operates under provisions of the Indiana Code as amended from time to time; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has previously adopted purchasing policies and procedures in compliance with applicable Indiana Statutes to be followed for procurement purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board recognizes the responsibility of local governments to take effective measures to reduce or limit the environmental impacts of their operations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Whiting as follows:

1. A Municipal Green Purchasing Policy is hereby adopted.
2. The following general tenets shall apply to all procurement actions, regardless of cost threshold:
  - a. Energy Use: Priority shall be given to products which consume the least amount of energy in their manufacture, use and disposal.
  - b. Sustainability of Materials: Priority shall be given to products which are made from sustainable materials, and/or contain a significant level of recycled or reprocessed material.
  - c. Transportation: Priority shall be given to products which are manufactured locally, and/or which are packaged to reduce transportation costs.
  - d. Packaging: Priority shall be given to products which are minimally packaged using recycled 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 which reuse or eliminate health risks to employees and/or citizens in their manufacture, use or disposal.
3. The language of the Green Purchasing Policy shall be added to all solicitation and bid specification packages which are issued by the City of Whiting and shall be taken into consideration for every purchase whether specifications are created or not.
4. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after adoption by the Board of Public Works and Safety.

5. All orders and resolutions in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded, revoked, and repealed insofar as such exist.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED at a meeting of the Board of Public Works and Safety on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2013.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Absent  
JOSEPH M. STAHURA, MAYOR

MS Adam  
ATTEST: MARK S. ADAM  
CLERK-TREASURER

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MARTY JAKUBOWSKI, MEMBER

Mark Harbin  
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