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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

ADOPT A RESOLUTION UPDATING THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PURCHASING POLICY TO ALIGN WITH THE SHORT-LIVED CLIMATE POLLUTANTS ACT (SB 1383), THE CITY'S 2030 EQUITABLE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, AND THE CITY'S REUSABLE FOODWARE ORDINANCE (OAKLAND MUNICIPAL CODE 8.07) AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO IMPLEMENT SUCH POLICY AND APPROVE FUTURE POLICY UPDATES

WHEREAS, in 2007, the Council passed Resolution No. 80747 C.M.S., adopting the Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy to protect the environment and human health in City purchasing decisions; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, the California State Legislature passed the Short-Lived Climate Pollutants Act (SB 1383), which set goals to reduce the amount of organic material going to landfill and set standards for compost, mulch, and recycled content in paper products; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, the Council passed Resolution No.87511 C.M.S., in support of the Green New Deal to transition Oakland to a clean energy economy by leveraging building and fleet electrification and decarbonization technologies; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the Council passed Resolution No.88268 C.M.S., to reaffirm a carbon neutrality goal of 2045 and reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the Council passed Ordinance No.13773 C.M.S., adopting the Reusable Foodware Ordinance to reduce plastic pollution and waste from single-use disposables; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the California State Legislature passed AB 2346 that added new options for recovered organic waste product procurement, including compost and mulch generated from local jurisdiction operations and used within that jurisdiction, provided an enforceable mechanism is adopted; and

WHEREAS, the Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy has not been updated since its adoption in 2007 while the science and regulations have evolved in the last 18 years; and

WHEREAS, infrequent updates to the Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy detracts from the policy's goal to protect human and environmental health; and

WHEREAS, under Article V of the Charter of the City of Oakland, the City Council has authority to establish municipal policy, and the City Administrator is responsible for the administration and enforcement thereof; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby adopt staff-recommended updates to the Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is authorized to initiate all necessary rules, regulations, and instructions to implement the Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That nothing in the updated EP3 shall commit the City to expenditures beyond amounts authorized by the City Council in the annual budget or CIP, and procurement decisions remain subject to requirements under the Oakland Municipal Code; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council, and the updated EP3 shall be implemented across City departments as soon as practical; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator is authorized to approve updates to the Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy to reflect changes in federal, state, or local environmental regulations and evolving science regarding the best available products to meet the city's sustainability goals.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROWN, FIFE, GALLO, HOUSTON, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, WANG, AND
PRESIDENT JENKINS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California