

RESOLUTION NO. 76-16

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PURCHASING POLICY (GREEN PURCHASING POLICY)

WHEREAS, a sustainable community seeks to optimize quality of life for its residents by ensuring that its environmental, economic, and social objectives are balanced and mutually supportive; and

WHEREAS, Voorhees Township ("Township") endeavors to save tax dollars while assuring clean land, air, and water, promote economic development, and improve working and living environments; and

WHEREAS, the Township is participating in the Sustainable Jersey Certification Program; and

WHEREAS, one of actions recommended by the Sustainable Jersey Program is the adoption of an Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Township has established a Sustainable Jersey Green Team consisting of local officials, community leaders, and municipal employees that have recommended a sustainable purchasing policy for adoption; and

WHEREAS, this Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy encourages the Township, to the extent practicable, to:

- Institute practices that reduce waste by increasing product efficiency and effectiveness; and
- Purchase products that minimize environmental impacts, toxics, pollution, and hazards to worker and community safety to the greatest extent practicable; and
- Purchase products that include recycled content, are durable and long-lasting, conserve energy and water, use agricultural fibers and residues, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, use unbleached or chlorine-free manufacturing processes, are lead-free and mercury-free, and use wood from sustainably harvested forests when practicable; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Voorhees have determined that the Township should adopt this Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy as part of the Township's Sustainable Jersey Initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Voorhees in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey that Voorhees Township hereby adopts the "Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy" as part of the Township's commitment to becoming a more sustainable community in the form attached hereto and made a part hereof.

DATED: MARCH 14, 2016

MOVED:

MR. RAVITZ

AYES: ALL

SECONDED:

MS. NOCITO

NAYS: NONE

APPROVED BY:


Michael R. Mignogna, Mayor

I, Dee Ober, Clerk of the Township of Voorhees, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Township Committee, at their meeting of March 14, 2016 held in the Municipal Building, 2400 Voorhees Town Center, Voorhees, NJ.


Dee Ober, RMC