

RESOLUTION NO.

Recognize the offices of Mayor Potter, Commissioners Adams, Leonard, Saltzman, and Sten as BlueWorks businesses, and acknowledge their leadership in waste reduction, recycling, and sustainable purchasing practices.

WHEREAS, three-quarters of Portland's waste stream is commercially generated and one-third of that waste is paper that could be recycled; and

WHEREAS, BlueWorks businesses commit to aim beyond recycling with activities that include printing double-sided documents, replacing standard paper with post-consumer recycled paper, using durable dishware for catered events, buying green power, and offering a subsidy to employees using alternative transportation; and

WHEREAS, recycling and waste reduction activities create economic opportunity: our region recycled more than \$80 million worth of products last year—money that would otherwise have gone straight into the landfill. Recycling also generates six times as many jobs per ton as garbage; and

WHEREAS, recycling and waste reduction activities combat global warming by reducing the amount of energy used, meaning less pollution and cleaner air and water;

WHEREAS, preventing waste and purchasing recycled materials conserves precious natural resources like wood and ore; and

WHEREAS, the Sustainable City Principles adopted in 1994 require that the City promote a sustainable future and follow a set of comprehensive principles incorporating environmental quality, social equity and economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, in March and April 2002, the City of Portland and Multnomah County adopted *The Sustainable Procurement Strategy: A Joint City of Portland and Multnomah County Effort* which includes the process and direction for a sustainable procurement effort as binding City Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Local Action Plan on Global Warming adopted by the City of Portland and Multnomah County in 2001 directs the City to “promote solid waste management practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote community understanding of the relationship between solid waste reduction and global climate change”; and

WHEREAS, the City in its own operations should lead by example,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Office of Sustainable Development hereby certifies the offices of Mayor Potter, Commissioners Adams, Leonard, Saltzman, and Sten as BlueWorks businesses for their exemplary commitment to recycling, waste prevention, and sustainable purchasing practices.

Adopted by the Council,

Commissioner Dan Saltzman
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June 28, 2007

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