

RESOLUTION
Supporting Waste Reduction, Recycling and Buy-Recycled
Efforts Within Mecklenburg County Departments and Agencies

WHEREAS. the State of North Carolina has adopted both a waste reduction goal of 40% on a per capita basis by 30 June 2001 and a hierarchy of waste management methods in descending order of preference as follows:

- (1) Waste Reduction at the Source;
- (2) Recycling and Reuse;
- (3) Composting;
- (4) Incineration with Energy Recovery;
- (5) Incineration without Energy Recovery;
- (6) Disposal in Landfills: and

WHEREAS. the Mecklenburg County Solid Waste Management Plan was revised to include the reduction goal and waste management hierarchy; and

WHEREAS. the Engineering and Building Standards Department is responsible for design and implementation of waste reduction and recycling programs contained in the plan; and

WHEREAS. much of the material that enters the Mecklenburg County waste stream can be reduced, reused, recycled or incorporated in the manufacture of new products; and

WHEREAS. markets for recyclables can survive only if products made from recycled materials are being purchased; and

WHEREAS. Mecklenburg County can stimulate and sustain a cost competitive market for recycled materials by purchasing such products; and

WHEREAS. the interest of taxpayers is best served when Mecklenburg County ensures utilization of more economical and efficient use of resources by means of waste prevention as the top priority and by maximizing reuse and recycling as secondary measures.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

Hereby supports and encourages the development and implementation of practices and policies which further the aims of waste reduction and recycling within County Government operations.

AND, FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

That all County employees are hereby expected to do the following:

1. Seek to reduce waste at the source.
2. Participate in the County's internal office paper recycling program. PaperChase.
3. Purchase products for County use which contain recycled materials, thereby giving preference to those products with higher levels of post-consumer recycled content whenever such products meet minimum standards for their particular function; and so long as the cost of the products made from recycled materials does not exceed the cost of similar products made from virgin materials.

AND, FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MECKLENBURG COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

That a Waste Reduction Task Force be established by the now existing Waste Management Advisory Board; and

That the Task Force function under the direction of the Waste Management Advisory Board; and

That the Task Force be charged to expedite the following:

1. Development of a comprehensive policy for establishing procedures and programs to encourage and increase the procurement of recycled and recyclable products by all Mecklenburg County Departments.
2. Expansion of the County's internal office paper recycling program. PaperChase. to all County offices.
3. Target non-paper recyclables from all County buildings, identifying collection and marketing options.

Adopted this the 13th day of August, 1996.



Ann Schrader, Chairman
Mecklenburg County Commissioners

Attest:



Janice S. Paige
Clerk to the Board