



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

EXECUTIVE ORDER

NO. 2021-005

May 6, 2021

**PRIORITIZATION OF PURCHASES THAT ADVANCE LOUISVILLE METRO
GOVERNMENT'S ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS**

WHEREAS, Louisville Metro Government is committed to investing in efforts to counter climate change effects by reducing greenhouse gas and air pollution; and

WHEREAS, Louisville Metro Government must take every action within its power to improve the health of all Louisvillians; and

WHEREAS, improving the air quality and countering the effects of climate change are critical steps to improving the health and well-being of Louisvillians; and

WHEREAS, the Louisville Metro Council has set goals for Louisville Metro to achieve 100% renewable electricity for government operations by 2030, 100% clean energy for government operations by 2035, and 100% clean energy community-wide by 2040; and

WHEREAS, Louisville Metro Government's Office of Advanced Planning and Sustainability has created a Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Plan and Climate Adaptation Plan to emphasize the importance of shifting energy sources from fossil fuels to clean and renewable sources and outline key implementation strategies to help increase access to affordable, renewable energy sources; and

WHEREAS, Louisville Metro Government has recently partnered with the National Renewable Energy Lab to create a renewable energy plan which will help us achieve the goals set by the Louisville Metro Council and the Office of Advanced Planning and Sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the use of electric and hybrid vehicles in lieu of vehicles that run solely off of fossil fuels mitigates climate change; and

WHEREAS, Louisville Metro Government is taking steps to transition its vehicle fleet to all electric vehicles; and

WHEREAS, a fleet of all electric vehicles requires green equipment and an infrastructure to support the fleet.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Greg Fischer, as Mayor of Louisville/Jefferson County Metro Government and, pursuant to KRS Chapter 67C of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, HEREBY DECLARE PURCHASING PRIORITIZATION OF ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS ITEMS for Louisville Metro Government. To that end, I hereby ORDER AND DIRECT THE FOLLOWING:

1. All Louisville Metro Government agencies and departments shall prioritize the purchasing of electric and hybrid vehicles, green equipment and necessary infrastructure to support Metro Government's transition to electric vehicles.
2. The Office of Advanced Planning and Sustainability shall coordinate and cooperate with Metro Government agencies and departments to ensure that the agencies are seeking appropriate and effective equipment when making decisions on purchasing electric and hybrid vehicles, green equipment and the necessary infrastructure. Where that is not practical for the functional purpose of the asset, the agency or department will explain the reason and the status of the asset relative to moving to operations that reduce carbon consumption. The agency or department will also identify necessary investments or policy changes, if any, to expedite implementation of green assets, such as installing electric vehicle charging stations or other alternative fueling stations.
3. The Director of Procurement shall take all steps necessary to ensure Louisville Metro departments are continuously including and assessing environmental considerations during the procurement process, especially when it comes to the purchasing of the items identified herein.
4. The Director of Procurement shall work with the Office of Advanced Planning and Sustainability to ensure that current environmental standards are included and maintained in the Procurement Policy & Manual is updated with current environmental considerations information as necessary so that Louisville Metro departments are able to make well-informed decisions for all environmentally friendly purchases, but especially for the proper prioritization of purchasing electric and hybrid vehicles, green equipment, and the necessary infrastructure.
5. Any contractor or supplier doing business with Louisville Metro Government in excess of \$1,000,000, collectively, shall provide a written commitment to reducing the organization's carbon footprint. Documentation of such commitment shall be provided prior to award of contract or grant. Forms of these commitments may include emission reduction plans, energy benchmarking or other similar written plan.

GREG FISCHER
MAYOR

DATE: _____

APPROVED FOR FORM & LEGALITY
MICHAEL J. O'CONNELL
JEFFERSON COUNTY ATTORNEY

BY: _____