

Legislation Text

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Resolution in Support of Good Food Procurement Policies Whereas, An adequate, reliable and sustainable food supply is critical for the well-being of the community now and in the future;

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor promotes sustainable food programs as part of our A²ZERO plan for minimizing the environmental impacts of food production;

Whereas, The Ann Arbor Office of Sustainability and Innovations (OSI) specifically encourages our community to make food choices that consider organic products, support and preserve rural communities, are healthy and nutritious, respect farm animals, provide farmers with fair wages, are free of added toxins, are grown locally, do not harm the health of farm workers, are in season, and have minimal packaging;

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor makes regular food purchases for activities at our parks and recreation facilities and hosts a café at City Hall (Tasty Green); and

Whereas, Ann Arbor aims to lead by example in improving food procurement policies for the City that promote sustainability goals, support and advance racial equity, and encourage our community to move toward a plant-based diet;

RESOLVED, The City Administrator is directed to identify potential changes to City food purchases and submit a report to City Council before February 1, 2022 with recommendations, including an estimated cost.

Sponsored by: Councilmembers Nelson and Disch

As Amended and Approved by Ann Arbor City Council on September 7, 2021.