



ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES

SECTION: 900 – Purchasing		POLICY #:	909
TITLE: Establishment and Use of Procurement Cards		PROCEDURE #:	909-A
		ORDER #:	08-146
DEPT: Finance		DIVISION:	
ADOPTED: 10/08	REVIEWED:	REVISED:	

PURPOSE: To establish public contracting and purchasing rules and regulations for the use of procurement cards in Marion County.

AUTHORITY: The Marion County Board of Commissioners may establish rules and regulations in reference to managing the interest and business of the county under ORS 203.010, 203.035 and 203.111.

The Marion County Board of Commissioners expresses the governing body’s formal, organizational position of fundamental issues or specific repetitive situations through formally adopted, written policy statements. The policy statements serve as guides to decision making for both elected and appointed officials on the conduct of county business.

The Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual of the Board of Commissioners outlines the forms and process through which the board takes official action on administrative policy, and is the official record of county administrative policy.

Statutory References

ORS Chapter 279A, Chapter 279B, and Chapter 279C became effective on March 1, 2005 and were revised during the 2007 Oregon legislative session. Together these chapters constitute Oregon’s Public Contracting Code.

The Oregon Attorney General’s Model Rules, filed on September 1, 2004, were updated on January 1, 2008 and are identified in OAR Chapter 137, Divisions 46, 47, 48 and 49. The model rules are created for use by all public contracting agencies to govern public contracting under the public contracting code. Local government agencies are required to adopt the Attorney General’s Model Rules or their own public contracting code.

County References

The Marion County Public Contracting Rules are adopted by the local Contract Review Board pursuant to authority set forth in ORS

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Chapter 279A. The board adopted rules and opted out of the Model Rules by adopting Ordinance No. 1211, and further revised the rules by adopting Ordinance No. 1256.

The Board of Commissioners has delegated authority for purchasing and contracting to county departments as outlined in Section 10 of the Marion County Public Contracting Rules.

Section 50 of the Marion County Public Contracting Rules delegates authority to the Finance Department to implement and administer the procurement card program by establishing procedures and standards for use of procurement cards in Marion County by all County departments. The Finance Department shall be responsible for implementation, education and training, interpretation, coordination, and monitoring the procurement card program for compliance to adopted policies and procedures.

APPLICABILITY: All county departments.

GENERAL POLICY: This policy, in conjunction with Policy 901 Public Contracting Rules, and Procedures 901-A establishes a sound and responsive procurement card program based on public contracting code for the purchase of small dollar goods and/or services, as defined in the Marion County Public Contracting Rules, Section 20-0265 Small Procurements required to conduct the county's business

POLICY STATEMENTS:

1. The procurement card program established under this policy shall replace existing department revolving charge cards, corporate VISA/MasterCards, department stores, specialty vendors, corporate gasoline credit cards/accounts, et al., that currently are in place to conduct county business by county employees.
2. Purchases made with a county procurement card shall only be for authorized purchase of goods and/or services required to conduct county business.
3. Purchases and accounting for those purchases made with a county procurement card shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations, policies and procedures.
4. Elected and appointed department heads shall establish appropriate financial and budgetary controls regarding the assignment, use and monitoring of the procurement card program within their departments in compliance with adopted county policies, procedures and standards for this program.
5. The procurement card program shall promote purchasing efficiency, flexibility and convenience on small dollar transactions as defined in the Marion County Public Contracting Rules, Section

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20-0265 Small Procurements, while reducing the county's overall costs for procuring goods and services needed to conduct the county's business.

6. Unauthorized use of the procurement card by a county employee and/or family member will be investigated and appropriate disciplinary actions will be taken, up to and including termination of employment.
7. Any fraudulent use will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

POLICY GUIDELINES:

1. Responsibilities: All Marion County departments shall be subject to this policy.
2. Exceptions: Exceptions for applying for and use of credit cards outside of the procurement card program shall be granted by the Marion County Chief Administrative Officer or Deputy Administrative Officer.
3. Implementation: The sponsoring department has the authority and responsibility to implement this policy and assure compliance by county departments.
4. Periodic Review: Periodic review will be conducted every two (2) years by the Finance Department.