



CITY OF _____

RESOLUTION #

Green Building Model Resolution

WHEREAS, the City of _____ 's (City) General Plan sets forth goals for preserving and improving the natural and built environment of the City, protecting the health of its residents and visitors, and fostering its economy; and

WHEREAS, the General Plan directs the City to enforce and implement the goals and policies of the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, green building is a whole systems approach to the design, construction and operation of buildings that employs materials and methods that promote natural resource conservation, energy efficiency and good indoor air quality; and

WHEREAS, conventional design and construction methods can produce buildings that negatively impact the environment; these buildings can be unnecessarily expensive to operate and contribute to excessive resource consumption, waste generation, and pollution due to unnecessary landfilling of wasted materials, and inefficient use of energy and water; and

WHEREAS, emissions from conventional construction materials, including paints, carpets, and particleboard can lead to a host of health problems associated with poor indoor air quality; these health impacts can be exacerbated by conventional ventilation technology and can result in lost productivity and increased costs for maintenance, waste disposal and health care; and

WHEREAS, green building design, construction, and operation can minimize or avoid these adverse impacts in a variety of ways, including by incorporating energy and water efficient technologies and landscaping, using recycled content materials, reducing construction and demolition waste, improving indoor air quality and promoting long-term economic efficiency; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, green building design, construction, and operational techniques have become increasingly widespread; many homeowners, businesses, and building professionals have voluntarily sought to incorporate green building techniques into their projects and a number of local and national systems have developed to serve as guides to green building practices, including the United States Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED™) Green Building Rating System and Reference Guide and the Alameda County Waste Management Authority's Green Points program and Green Building Guidelines for residential construction and remodeling; and

WHEREAS, the benefits of green building design, construction, and operation should be enjoyed by the residents, workers, and visitors of the City;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City hereby finds that green building design, construction and operation furthers the goals set forth in the City's General Plan, including [**include these, and others, if applicable: the Land Use Element, Conservation Element, Open Space Element, and Housing Element**];

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City should employ green building design, construction, and operation of public facilities wherever feasible;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that private residential and commercial developers should be encouraged to use green building design, construction and operation whenever feasible; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City [**shall or should consider**] adopt[ing] a green building ordinance.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT: