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DATE: February 19, 2008
TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: City Clerk
SUBJECT: Adoption of an Ordinance Adding Article 20 to Chapter 10 of the Hayward Municipal Code Relating to Bay-Friendly Landscaping

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council adopt the attached Ordinance.

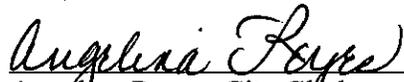
BACKGROUND

The ordinance was introduced at the January 29, 2008, meeting of the City Council with the following vote:

AYES:	Council Members:	Rodriguez, Quirk, Halliday, Ward, Dowling, Henson
	Mayor:	Sweeney
NOES:	Council Members:	None
ABSENT:	Council Members:	None
ABSTAIN:	Council Members:	None

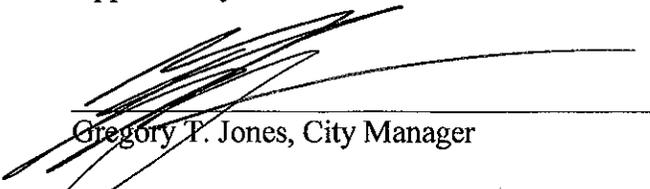
The ordinance was published in the Hayward Daily Review on February 2, 2008. Adoption at this time is therefore appropriate.

Recommended by:



Angelina Reyes, City Clerk

Approved by:



Gregory P. Jones, City Manager

Attachment: Draft Ordinance

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AN INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAYWARD

AN ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE 20 TO CHAPTER 10 OF THE HAYWARD
MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO BAY-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAYWARD DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that to promote sustainability and economic and environmental health in the City of Hayward, it is essential that the City itself, through the design, construction, and maintenance of its own landscapes and landscapes it funds, provide leadership to both the private and public sectors by incorporating Bay-Friendly landscaping practices; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the design, construction, and maintenance of landscapes within the City of Hayward can have a significant impact on the City's environmental sustainability, resource usage and efficiency, waste management, wildlife habitat, and the health of the watershed as well as the health of residents, workers, and visitors to the City. Implementing Bay-Friendly landscapes will also make a positive contribution to reducing the city's greenhouse gas emissions and therefore have a positive impact on climate change; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that Bay-Friendly landscaping benefits are spread throughout the systems and features of the landscape, the larger San Francisco Bay area ecosystem and the community. Bay-friendly landscaping is a whole systems approach to the design, construction and maintenance of the landscape in order to support the integrity of the San Francisco Bay watershed. Key components of Bay-Friendly landscaping include reducing waste and using recycled content materials; nurturing healthy soils while reducing fertilizer use; conserving water, energy and topsoil; using Integrated Pest Management (IPM) to minimize use of pesticides; reducing stormwater runoff; and creating wildlife habitat; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that Bay-Friendly landscape design and construction decisions made by the City in the construction and maintenance of landscapes may result in significant cost savings to the City over the life of the projects. Furthermore, the City Council finds that Bay-Friendly landscaping design, construction, operations and maintenance techniques are gaining acceptance in residential and commercial landscape construction; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that requiring City projects and public-private partnership projects to incorporate Bay-Friendly landscape guidelines is necessary and appropriate to achieving the benefits of Bay-Friendly landscaping in the City.

Section 2. The City of Hayward's Municipal Code is hereby amended to add Article 20 to Chapter 10 as follows:

"ARTICLE 20
BAY-FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING ORDINANCE
SEC. 10-20.100 TITLE.
SEC. 10-20.110 DEFINITIONS.
SEC. 10-20.120 APPLICATION.
SEC. 10-20.130 IMPLEMENTATION.
SEC. 10-20.140 EXEMPTIONS.
SEC. 10-20.150 SEVERABILITY.

Section 3. In accordance with the provisions of Section 620 of the City Charter, this ordinance shall become effective 30 days from and after the date of its adoption.

Introduced at a meeting of the Hayward City Council held January 29, 2008, the above-entitled ordinance was introduced by Council Member Henson.

This ordinance will be considered for adoption at the next meeting of the Hayward City Council, to be held on February 19, 2008, at 8:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers, 777 B Street, Hayward, California. The full text of this ordinance is available for examination by the public in the Office of the City Clerk.

DATED: February 2, 2008

Angelina Reyes, City Clerk
City of Hayward