

ORDINANCE NO. ____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLACERVILLE
AMENDING TITLE 10, CHAPTER 6 (WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPING
REGULATIONS) OF THE PLACERVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE AND ORDINANCE
1706 TO UPDATE INTERNAL CITATIONS TO THE MODEL WATER EFFICIENT
LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE (MWELO) TO CONFORM WITH CURRENT
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS AMENDMENTS (ZOA 26-05)**

WHEREAS, the Local Assistance and Market Development Branch of the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) notified jurisdictions that, effective May 4, 2026, regulatory language in Title 24, California Code of Regulations, Section 18989.2 was amended; and

WHEREAS, the approved state regulatory language requires each jurisdiction to adopt an ordinance or other enforceable requirement that mandates compliance with Sections 493.2(d)(2), (3), (4), and (7) of the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO), Title 24, Division 2, Chapter 2.7 of the California Code of Regulations, as enacted on January 2, 2025; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 1706 and Title 10, Chapter 6 of the Placerville Municipal Code currently incorporate MWELO compost and mulch requirements (and related organic-waste / SB 1383 provisions) in Section 7-1B-11, which expressly cites former MWELO sections 492.6(a)(3)(B), (C), (D), and (G); and

WHEREAS, because those state section numbers have been renumbered, the City's local ordinance text must be amended so that the internal citations accurately match the current Section 493.2(d) text to maintain legal conformity; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment is strictly limited to administrative updates of these outdated section citations and related internal cross-references, making no substantive changes to the City's organic-waste reduction standards, compost or mulch application rates, landscape thresholds, or CalGreen cross-references; and

WHEREAS, amending the existing unified ordinance framework within Title 10, Chapter 6 ensures a coherent local regulatory scheme and avoids the potential for conflicting or duplicative rules that would arise from a separate, standalone MWELO ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on October 21, 2026, in accordance with Government Code §§ 65090 and 65854, and **adopted Resolution PC-2026-09, recommending that the City Council adopt** ZOA 26-05; and

WHEREAS, the City published a legal notice of the City Council public hearing in the Mountain Democrat, satisfying the public noticing requirements of state and local law; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed amendments are consistent with the General Plan and are necessary to align local regulatory frameworks with California Code of Regulations mandates and CalRecycle guidance; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that ZOA 26-05 is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) because the amendments consist solely of administrative updates to section citations, do not authorize physical development, and have no potential to cause a significant physical impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council now desires to adopt ZOA 26-05 to implement the mandated state regulatory updates and maintain compliance with Title 24 framework guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLACERVILLE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: FINDINGS

- **State Regulatory Alignment.** Effective May 4, 2026, the State of California amended Title 24, California Code of Regulations, Section 18989.2, requiring local jurisdictions to update cross-references to the renumbered provisions of the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO).
- **Need for Timely Implementation.** CalRecycle guidance directs jurisdictions to amend local SB 1383 and Water Efficient Landscape Ordinances where historic section citations appear. The proposed amendments fulfill this mandate.
- **Planning Commission Review.** On October 21, 2026, the Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing and adopted Resolution PC 2026-09, recommending that the City Council adopt the proposed text updates.
- **Purpose of Amendments.** The updates replace obsolete text references to ensure the local code remains legally accurate. No substantive modifications are made to compost depth, mulch metrics, or baseline regional thresholds.
- **General Plan Consistency.** The amendments are consistent with the City of Placerville General Plan and maintain a transparent, updated regulatory scheme for building and

grading projects.

SECTION 2: CEQA FINDINGS

The City Council finds the ordinance exempt from CEQA pursuant to:

CEQA Guidelines § 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption). The amendments do not authorize construction or physical infrastructure changes. They merely adjust legal citation code numbers within an existing ordinance structure, presenting no potential for environmental impacts.

SECTION 3: AMENDMENT TO TITLE 10, CHAPTER 6 (SECTION 7-1B-11) OF THE PLACERVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE AND ORDINANCE 1706

(A) Property owners or their building or landscape designers lots who are constructing a new Single-Family, Multi-Family, public, institutional, or Commercial project with a landscape area greater than 500 square feet, or rehabilitating an existing landscape with a total landscape area greater than 2,500 square feet, shall comply with ~~Sections 492.6(a)(3)(B), (C), (D), and (G)~~ Sections 493.2(d)(2), (3), (4), and (7) of the MWEL, including sections related to use of Compost and mulch as delineated in this Section.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is held invalid, the remaining portions shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance shall take effect 30 days after adoption pursuant to Government Code § 36937.

SECTION 6. CERTIFICATION

The City Clerk is directed to cause this ordinance to be codified in the Placerville Municipal Code.

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Placerville held on November 10, 2026, by _____ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by _____.

PASSED AND APPROVED, by the City Council of the City of Placerville on Novebmer 10, 2026, by the poll taken as follows:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MOVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 8th day of December 2026, upon second reading by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Mayor Nicole Gotberg

Attest:

Regina O'Connell, CPMC, City Clerk