ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PLACERVILLE AMENDING THE PLACERVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING SECTION 10-6-20 TO TITLE 10, CHAPTER 6 TO INCORPORATE THE NONFUNCTIONAL TURF WATER USE PROHIBITIONS ENFORCED BY EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATION 1042 IN COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY BILL 1572 (ZOA 26-10)

WHEREAS, on October 13, 2023, the Governor of the State of California approved Assembly Bill No. 1572 (Friedman), adding Chapter 2.5 (commencing with Section 10608.14) to Part 2.55 of Division 6 of the Water Code, which prohibits the use of potable water for the irrigation of nonfunctional turf on commercial, industrial, institutional, and homeowners' association common area properties; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislature has declared that the use of potable water to irrigate nonfunctional turf is wasteful and incompatible with state policies relating to climate change, water conservation, and long-term water supply reliability; and

WHEREAS, California Water Code Section 10608.14(d) mandates that public water systems and local governments revise their regulations, ordinances, or policies governing water service to incorporate these state restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) adopted Board Policy and Administrative Regulation (AR) 1042 on September 17, 2026, establishing a comprehensive, local framework for nonfunctional turf definitions, phased prohibition timelines, and regional enforcement mechanisms; and

WHEREAS, the City of Placerville operates its own municipal water services and desires to maintain consistency with regional water conservation frameworks, eliminate regulatory duplication, and fulfill its state-mandated obligations by formally adopting the standards of EID AR 1042 into the City Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2026, the Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed special public hearing to consider Zoning Ordinance Amendment (ZOA) 26-10, accepted public testimony, and forwarded a recommendation of approval to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed ordinance is administrative in nature and is exempt from environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (the 'Common Sense Exemption') because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment.

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

SECTION 1. **PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY.** The purpose of this Ordinance is to safeguard local potable water supplies and fulfill state mandates established under Assembly Bill 1572 (2023), codified at California Water Code Section 10608.14. This Ordinance adopts by reference the provisions, timelines, and restrictions established in El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) Administrative Regulation 1042, ensuring unified enforcement and regional compliance across all public, commercial, industrial, institutional, and common-interest residential properties within city limits.

SECTION 2. CODE AMENDMENT. Title 10 (Zoning), Chapter 6 (Water Efficient Landscape Regulations) of the Placerville Municipal Code is hereby amended to add a new Section 10-6-20 (Nonfunctional Turf Prohibitions) to read in its entirety as follows:

10-6-20: ADOPTION OF REGIONAL NONFUNCTIONAL TURF PROHIBITIONS.

(A) Adoption by Reference. The City of Placerville hereby adopts and incorporates by reference the rules, restrictions, definitions, and exemptions set forth in El Dorado Irrigation District (EID) Board Policy and Administrative Regulation AR 1042 ('Nonfunctional Turf Prohibitions'), approved on September 17, 2026, as it may be amended from time to time.

(B) Prohibitions. The use of potable water for the irrigation of nonfunctional turf within the city limits of Placerville is prohibited in accordance with the phased schedule mandated by California Water Code Section 10608.14, specifically:

1. Properties owned by local government, public agencies, and public water systems: Beginning January 1, 2027.

2. All other institutional, commercial, and industrial properties: Beginning January 1, 2028.

3. All common areas of properties owned or managed by homeowners' associations, common interest developments, or community service organizations: Beginning January 1, 2029.

(C) Exceptions. Potable water use is not prohibited to the extent necessary to ensure the health of trees and other perennial non-turf plantings, or to address an immediate health and safety need, consistent with Water Code Section 10608.14(b).

(D) Enforcement and Civil Liability. Violations of this section shall be subject to civil liability, administrative citations, and financial penalties as prescribed under California Water Code Section 1846, or as established under the City's omnibus administrative penalty provisions. Pursuant to Water Code Section 10608.14(g), the City shall coordinate enforcement actions with EID to avoid regulatory duplication.

SECTION 3. CEQA EXEMPTION. The City Council finds that this Ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the adoption of this water conservation ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment.

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption, and prior to the expiration of fifteen (15) days from the date of its passage, the City Clerk shall cause it to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the City.

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Placerville held on December 8, 2026, by Councilmember _____ who moved its introduction and waiver of first reading. The motion was seconded by Councilmember _____.

The Ordinance was read for the second time and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Placerville held on January 12, 2027, by Councilmember _____ who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilmember _____.

The motion was passed by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Nicole Gotberg, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Regina O'Connell, City Clerk