



# City of Emeryville

CALIFORNIA

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 20, 2016

**TO:** Carolyn Lehr, City Manager

**FROM:** Charles S. Bryant, Community Development Director

**SUBJECT:** **Second Reading Of An Ordinance Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Amending Article 6 Of Chapter 4 Of Title 9 Of The Emeryville Municipal Code Regarding Water Efficient And Bay Friendly Landscaping; CEQA DETERMINATION: Exempt Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines 15307 and 15061(b)(3)**

## RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the second reading of the attached ordinance amending Article 6 of Chapter 4 of Title 9 of the Emeryville Municipal Code. These State-mandated amendments would increase water efficiency standards for landscapes. The Bay-friendly landscape provisions requested by Stopwaste.org have also been included, except where they are less strict than the State Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.

## DISCUSSION

The City Council held a public hearing and adopted the first reading of the attached ordinance on September 6, 2016 with no changes. The staff report for the September 6, 2016 City Council meeting, which provides a detailed explanation of the amendments to the Municipal Code, may be accessed on the City's website at <http://www.ci.emeryville.ca.us/88/Video-Agendas-Reports-Minutes-Archive> by clicking on "Agenda" next to "City Council Regular Meeting" dated "September 06, 2016 - 07:16 PM", and then clicking on "Staff Report" under Item 8.2 of that agenda (ID-2016-522).

## ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

This ordinance is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) under Section 15307 of the State CEQA Guidelines regarding actions by a regulatory agency for protection of natural resources and under the "general rule" at Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Adoption of the amendments to the Municipal Code will have no fiscal impact on the City.

## **CONCLUSION**

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt the second reading of the attached ordinance.

**PREPARED BY:** Diana Keena, Associate Planner

**APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:**



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Carolyn Lehr, City Manager

Attachment: Proposed Ordinance