



Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO: CITY COUNCIL DATE: May 21, 2018

FROM: CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE INCORPORATING STATE MODEL WATER
EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA AMENDING CHAPTER 17.44 OF THE ZONING CODE (TITLE 17) TO INCORPORATE THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES MODEL WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE

PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE

This ordinance will amend Chapter 17.44 (Landscaping) of the Zoning Code (Title 17) to update City regulations pertaining to landscaping and irrigation standards, and to incorporate the California Department of Water Resources Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance as directed by Council on April 23, 2018.

REASON WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED

This legislation is necessary to align Chapter 17.44 (Landscaping) of the Zoning Code with the requirements imposed by the California Department of Water Resources Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance on all cities, including charter cities.

PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED

The Planning and Community Development Department will implement this zoning code amendment.

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FISCAL IMPACT

There is not a direct fiscal impact associated with the adoption of this ordinance.


ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

On April 28, 2018, the Council found that the ordinance was exempt from environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, specifically State CEQA Guidelines Sections 15307 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources), 15308 (Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment), and Section 15061(b)(3) (general rule).

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