



Model Resolution to Adopt New Home Construction Green Building Guidelines

CITY OF _____

RESOLUTION #

Resolution Adopting New Home Construction Green Building Guidelines as City Reference Document

WHEREAS, the City of _____ 's (City) General Plan sets forth goals for preserving and improving the natural and built environment of the City, protecting the health of its residents and visitors, and fostering its economy; and

WHEREAS, green building is a whole systems approach to the design, construction and operation of buildings that employs materials and methods that promote natural resource conservation, energy efficiency, and good indoor air quality; and

WHEREAS, green buildings benefit building industry professionals, residents, and communities by improving construction quality; increasing building durability; reducing utility, maintenance, water and energy costs; creating healthier homes; and enhancing comfort and livability; and

WHEREAS, Build It Green is a professional non-profit membership organization whose mission is to promote healthy, energy-efficiency, and resource-efficient buildings in California; and

WHEREAS, Build It Green has developed voluntary New Home Construction Green Building Guidelines to provide an educational tool to local governments, building professionals, and the general public and present a range of voluntary measures for builders to choose from when constructing green homes in California; and

WHEREAS, the New Home Construction Green Building Guidelines benefited from extensive input from local governments, building professionals, State agencies, and recognized green building professionals and the practices contained in these guidelines were selected for their viability in today's market and their ability to promote sustainable buildings and communities; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the New Home Construction Green Building Guidelines promotes regional consistency and predictability for building professionals; and



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WHEREAS, the adoption of the New Home Construction Green Building Guidelines as a reference document would not constitute a “project” within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”);

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City hereby finds that green building design, construction and operation furthers the goals set forth in the City’s General Plan, including **[include these, and others, if applicable: the Land Use Element, Conservation Element, Open Space Element, and Housing Element]**;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that private residential builders and developers should be encouraged to use green building design, construction, and operation whenever feasible; and;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of _____ adopts the Build It Green New Home Construction Green Building Guidelines, as they may be amended from time to time, as a City reference document and directs City staff to explore incentives to encourage use of the Guidelines by private developers of residential construction projects within the City.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT: