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Ordinance No. 1620(16)

**An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Lompoc  
County of Santa Barbara, State of California  
Amending Chapter 15.52 of Title 15 of the Lompoc Municipal Code  
Relating To Water Efficient Landscape and Irrigation Standards**

**WHEREAS**, Governor Brown's Drought Executive Order of April 1, 2015 (EO B-29-15), directed the California Department of Water Resources to update the State's Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELO) through expedited regulation. The California Water Commission approved the revised MWELO on July 15, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, local agencies had until December 1, 2015, to adopt the MWELO or to adopt a local ordinance which must be at least as effective in conserving water as MWELO; and

**WHEREAS**, the City acknowledges the waters of the State are of limited supply and are subject to ever increasing demands; and

**WHEREAS**, the City requires all new development with landscape plans to install drought tolerant and water conserving plants; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lompoc's Water Efficient Landscape and Irrigation Standards were adopted on February 2, 2010, in Chapter 15.52 of Title 15 of the Lompoc Municipal Code and these standards are not as stringent as the State's revised MWELO and therefore need to be amended; and

**WHEREAS**, the City did not adopt new landscape and irrigation standards before December 1, 2015; therefore, the State's revised water efficient landscape standards have been in effect by default in the City since December 1, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the State also allows a local agency to choose the revised water efficient landscape standards to become effective by default on December 1, 2015, and to later adopt an updated local water efficient landscape ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has determined it is in the best interest of the City and the inhabitants of the City to amend the City's water efficient landscape and irrigation standards.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOMPOC DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**SECTION 1.** The foregoing Recitals are declared true and correct and adopted into the terms of this Ordinance by this reference.

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 15.52 of Title 15 of the Lompoc Municipal Code is hereby amended, in its entirety, to read, as follows:

## **Chapter 15.52 WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE AND IRRIGATION STANDARDS**

### **Section 15.52.010 Purpose and Intent.**

The Water Efficient Landscape and Irrigation Standards are intended to ensure the design, installation and maintenance of landscapes in the City meet the requirements of the State of California's Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance (MWELo).

### **Section 15.52.020 Adoption of State Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.**

The City adopts the State of California's MWELo, which is found at Sections 490-495 of Chapter 2.7, Division 2, Title 23, of the California Code of Regulations, except for subsection (a)(1)(A)(2) of Section 492.7. A landscape water meter for an Irrigation Design Plan can only be a customer service meter dedicated to landscape use provided by the local water purveyor, not a privately owned meter or submeter.

### **Section 15.52.030 Violations/Penalties.**

Any firm, corporation, or person, whether as principal, agent, employee, or otherwise, violating or causing the violation(s) of any of the provisions of this Chapter shall be given two written notifications of the violation(s) in order to gain compliance of Chapter 15.52 of the Lompoc Municipal Code. If the violation(s) are not satisfactorily resolved, then the violation(s) will be considered infraction(s) punishable by:

1. A fine not exceeding \$50.00 for a first violation;
2. A fine not exceeding \$100.00 for a second violation within one year; and
3. A fine not exceeding \$250.00 for each additional violation within one year.

**SECTION 3.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days following its adoption; provided, that after that date, each private applicant and property owner for (i) each discretionary permit project or project phase that has not been deemed complete for processing, (ii) each discretionary permit project without a vesting tentative map that have not requested and received an extension of previously granted approvals, and (iii) each project that has not obtained a vested right as defined by California case law, must comply with the requirements Chapter 15.52 of the Lompoc Municipal Code; and provided, further, that each City project shall comply with Chapter 15.52 if the date the City Council or its designee approves initiation of the project design is after the effective date of this Ordinance. The City Clerk, or her duly appointed deputy, shall attest to the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause this Ordinance to be published and posted in the manner required by law.

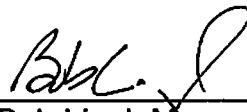
This Ordinance was introduced on January 19, 2016, and duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Lompoc at its duly noticed regular meeting on February 16, 2016, by the following electronic vote:

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 16th day of February 2016, by the following electronic vote:

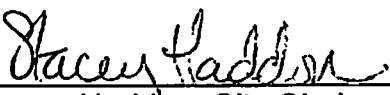
AYES: Council Member(s): Dirk Starbuck, DeWayne Holmdahl, James Mosby, Victor Vega, and Mayor Bob Lingl.

NOES: Council Member(s): None

ABSENT: Council Member(s): None

  
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Bob Lingl, Mayor  
City of Lompoc

Attest:

  
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Stacey Haddon, City Clerk  
City of Lompoc

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE  
foregoing instrument is a true and  
correct copy of the original on file in  
the Lompoc City Clerk's Department.  
ATTEST: 