

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CUPERTINO CITY COUNCIL ALLOWING
PLANNING PERMIT FEES TO BE WAIVED FOR CLIMATE VICTORY
GARDEN PILOT PROJECTS AND SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER
DISTRICT LANDSCAPE REBATE PROGRAM PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, in June 2021 the Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors declared a water shortage emergency condition, calling on water retailers to achieve a 15% reduction in water usage from 2019 levels; and

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2021 the City Council issued a proclamation in support of Local Water Conservation Efforts; and

WHEREAS, the City provides cost sharing funds to support the Santa Clara Valley Water District's Landscape Rebate Program to promote efficient use of water resources in Cupertino properties; and

WHEREAS, as part of the FY 2018-2019 and FY 2019-2020 City Work Programs, the City Council launched a pilot program to streamline water conservation projects by reducing barriers that property owners face to convert their water-intensive grass to a drought-tolerant garden (Climate Victory Gardens Pilot); and

WHEREAS, many large parcels in Cupertino were originally entitled with a significant amount of irrigated turf that would require a modification to that entitlement to convert the landscape, and most larger projects (i.e. projects not located within an R1, RHS, or R2 zoning district) seeking to conserve water by converting irrigated turf to drought-tolerant plantings would be subject to planning permits and associated fees pursuant to Municipal Code Sections 14.15.020, 19.12.030, and 19.168.020 and the fee schedule (currently between \$4,710 and \$13,223) for review processes; and

WHEREAS, City Council desires to reduce barriers for property owners to participate in City-funded water conservation programs and improve cost effectiveness of water conservation projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Cupertino hereby authorizes the City Manager to waive

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planning permit fees for Climate Victory Garden Pilot projects and Santa Clara Valley Water District Landscape Rebate Program projects.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Cupertino this 21st day of September 2021, by the following vote:

Members of the City Council

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

<p>SIGNED:</p> _____ Darcy Paul, Mayor City of Cupertino	 _____ Date
<p>ATTEST:</p> _____ Kirsten Squarcia, City Clerk	 _____ Date

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