

Grounds & Maintenance Policy

On September 7, the City of Summit Common Council passed a Green Initiative Policy Resolution which includes a Grounds and Maintenance policy. It is attached.

It states:

WHEREAS, the City recognizes that parks, gardens and landscapes should be managed in an environmentally friendly manner, and understands that in order to accomplish this goal certain principles must be considered such as: composting, reuse of materials, use of native plant species where appropriate, use of low-maintenance or drought-resistant grasses in lawn areas where appropriate, green design, reduction of conventional pesticides through integrated pest management, minimizing fertilizer use, improving efficiency of water schedules, irrigation equipment, and rainwater capture, where applicable.

Evidence of implementation can be found in all of our “Grounds and Maintenance” submissions.

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POLICY**

September 7, 2010

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges the pollution and environmental toll associated with buildings and aspires to become a leader in developing a sustainable community that takes advantage of green design through implementing the latest green building practices such as: energy efficient windows and lighting, energy audits to examine for green building improvements, installation of solar panels, improved water conservation, and efficient recycling of waste, and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that the purchasing of environmentally friendly products, whenever possible, offers the potential to limit human health risks and better preserve the natural environment, and that this can be accomplished through an analysis of currently purchased products and the potential to eliminate or substitute these with environmentally friendly products.

WHEREAS, the City understands that due to green washing not all products are what they appear to be, and is committed to assuring that the appropriate testing or proof of validity be undertaken, and

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMMIT:

That it City does hereby adopt a Green Initiative Policy that considers opportunities to incorporate green building measures, green purchasing and green grounds and maintenance to the extent feasible.

Dated: September 7, 2010

I, David L. Hughes, City Clerk of the City of Summit, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Common Council of said City at a regular meeting held on Tuesday evening, September 7, 2010.


City Clerk