

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

AN ORDINANCE ADDING ARTICLE X TO CHAPTER 5 OF THE LAKE COUNTY  
CODE AND ADOPTING A WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the County of Lake to promote water  
conservation and to prevent the waste of water whenever and wherever possible;  
and

WHEREAS, landscape design, installation, maintenance, and management  
can and should be water efficient; and

WHEREAS, Government Code section 65595 requires the County to either  
adopt a water efficient landscape ordinance that is at least as effective in  
conserving water as the Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance adopted by  
the State or to adopt and enforce the State model ordinance.

NOW THEREFORE, the Lake County Board of Supervisors ordains as  
follows:

Section 1: Article X is hereby added to Chapter 5 of the Lake County Code to  
read as follows:

“Article X MODEL WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE.

Sec. 5-43. The updated Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance,  
Sections 490-495, Chapter 2.7, Division 2, Title 23 in the California Code of  
Regulations, which may be referred to in this Code as the MWELO, as  
promulgated by the California Department of Water Resources, as may be  
amended, is hereby adopted and incorporated by reference into the Lake  
County Code. One copy of the MWELO is on file and available for use by the  
public in the Building Division of the Community Development Department.”

Section 2: The proposed ordinance is categorically exempt under a Class 7  
Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15307 which exempts  
actions taken by regulatory agencies as authorized by state law or local ordinance  
to assure the maintenance, restoration, enhancement, or protection of a natural  
resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for protection of the

environment, because adoption of the MWELO assures the protection of water resources. As a separate and independent basis, the proposed ordinance is exempt under CEQA Guidelines section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with certainty that the project will have no significant effect on the environment.

Section 3: All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict and no further.

Section 4: This ordinance shall take effect on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2022 and before the expiration of fifteen days after its passage, it shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the County of Lake.

The Foregoing Ordinance was introduced before the Board of Supervisors on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2022, and passed by the following vote on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2022.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT OR NOT VOTING:

COUNTY OF LAKE

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chair Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: SUSAN PARKER  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
ANITA L. GRANT

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

By: \_\_\_\_\_