

**RESOLUTION NO. 090-41**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCATA  
SUPPORTING EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY**

**WHEREAS**, approximately 10,050 tons of discarded materials and products are currently sent to disposal from our community each year at a cost of \$155.56 per ton; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 8, 2006, California's Universal Waste Rule (CCR, Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 23) banned landfill disposal of products deemed hazardous, including household batteries, fluorescent bulbs and tubes, thermostats and other items that contain mercury, and electronic devices such as, televisions, cell phones, microwave ovens, printers, and computers; and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that the list of waste products banned from landfills will continue to grow; and

**WHEREAS**, state policies hold local governments responsible for the unfunded mandates of achieving waste diversion goals and enforcing product disposal bans; and

**WHEREAS**, the costs to manage universal waste are currently borne by taxpayers and rate payers; and

**WHEREAS**, data from City and County annual reports show that, statewide, less than ten percent of the household hazardous waste and universal waste generated is being collected; and

**WHEREAS**, local governments do not have the resources to adequately address the rising volume of discarded products; and

**WHEREAS**, in FY 2008/09, Humboldt County collected 314,000 pounds of hazardous waste at a cost of \$525,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Arcata supports statewide efforts to hold producers responsible for the universal waste products and other product waste they create; and

**WHEREAS**, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is a policy approach in which producers have cradle-to-cradle responsibility for the products they create and sell and are responsible for designing and managing effective end-of-life systems for those products; and

**WHEREAS**, EPR encourages reuse and recycling and encourages producers to consider a product's health and environmental costs, and to include those costs in the

product price thereby creating an incentive to design products that are less toxic, more durable and easier to repair and recycle; and

**WHEREAS**, EPR framework legislation establishes transparent and fair principles and procedures for applying EPR to categories of products and ensures a level playing field for all producers of those products; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) is a non-profit organization of California local governments working to speak with one voice in advocating for transparent and fair EPR systems in California; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Arcata adopted a municipal Zero Waste Goal; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Arcata wishes to incorporate EPR policies into its procurement practices to reduce costs and protect the environment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCATA** urges the California Legislature to continue taking action to implement the framework for an EPR System adopted by the California Integrated Waste Management Board and to urge the Department of Toxic Substances Control to implement the Green Chemistry initiative.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Arcata urges the California Legislature to enact framework EPR legislation which will give producers incentive to design less toxic products that are easier to reuse and recycle.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that City of Arcata staff are authorized to send letters to the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties, the Department of Toxic Substance Control, and the State legislature, and use other advocacy methods to urge support for EPR Framework legislation and related regulations.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor of the City Council of the City of Arcata be authorized to sign the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) Pledge of Support and participate by educating and advocating for EPR policies and programs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Arcata encourages all manufacturers to share in eliminating waste through minimizing excess packaging, designing products for durability, reusability, serviceability, upgradability, and the ability to be recycled; using recycled materials in the manufacture of new products; and providing financial support for collection, processing, recycling, or disposal of used materials.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Arcata discourages the deliberate obsolescence of existing products by manufacturers either

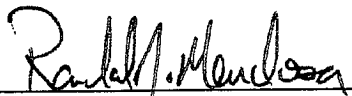
by creating incompatibility with existing products by style changes, or by any other means.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Arcata will direct staff to develop producer responsibility policies such as leasing products rather than purchasing them and requiring producers to offer less toxic alternatives and to take responsibility for collecting and recycling their products at the end of their useful life.

**DATED:** December 16, 2009

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

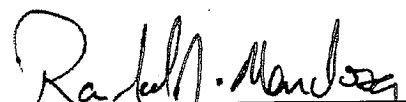
  
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Interim City Clerk, City of Arcata

  
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Mayor, City of Arcata

#### CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of **Resolution No. 090-41**, passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Arcata, Humboldt County, California, held on the 16th day of December, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES: **STILLMAN, ORNELAS, WHEETLEY, BRINTON, WINKLER**  
NOES: **NONE**  
ABSENT: **NONE**  
ABSTENTIONS: **NONE**

  
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Interim City Clerk, City of Arcata

1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that proper record-keeping is essential for the integrity of the financial system and for the ability to detect and prevent fraud.

2. The second part of the document outlines the specific procedures for recording transactions. It details the steps involved in the accounting cycle, from identifying the transaction to the final closing of the books.

3. The third part of the document discusses the role of internal controls in ensuring the accuracy of financial records. It describes various control mechanisms, such as segregation of duties and regular reconciliations, that help to minimize the risk of errors and fraud.

4. The fourth part of the document addresses the importance of transparency and accountability in financial reporting. It highlights the need for clear communication and the availability of financial information to all stakeholders.

5. The fifth part of the document discusses the impact of technology on financial record-keeping. It explores how modern accounting software and digital tools have improved the efficiency and accuracy of financial reporting.

6. The sixth part of the document concludes by summarizing the key points discussed and reiterating the importance of maintaining high standards of financial record-keeping.

7. The seventh part of the document provides a list of references and resources for further reading on the topics discussed.

8. The eighth part of the document contains a list of appendices, including detailed examples of journal entries and balance sheet reconciliations.

9. The ninth part of the document includes a glossary of key terms and definitions used throughout the document.

10. The tenth part of the document contains a list of contact information for the authors and a list of acknowledgments.