

**CITY OF CLOVERDALE  
CITY COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION NO. 062-2010**

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

**WHEREAS**, approximately 5,000 tons of discarded materials and products are currently sent to disposal from our community each year; and

**WHEREAS**, on February 8, 2006 California's Universal Waste Rule (CCR, Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 23) became effective; and

**WHEREAS**, the Universal Waste Rule banned landfill disposal of certain products that are 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 determined to be hazardous or problematic will continue to grow and will therefore be banned from landfills as demonstrated by the 2007 ban of treated wood and the 2008 Sharps ban; and

**WHEREAS**, state policies currently make local governments responsible for achieving waste diversion goals and enforcing product disposal bans, both of which are unfunded mandates; and

**WHEREAS**, the costs to manage Universal Waste and problematic products are currently borne by taxpayers and rate payers and, because of the bans these costs are increasing substantially and will continue to do so unless policy changes are made; and

**WHEREAS**, data from City and County waste disposal 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**, costs paid by local governments to manage products are in effect subsidies to the producers of hazardous products and products designed for disposal; and

**WHEREAS**, in FY2009/10, the City of Cloverdale's ratepayers provided over \$30,000 to the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency for managing household hazardous waste; and

**WHEREAS**, if the City of Cloverdale were able to collect and properly handle all of the household hazardous waste generated in the City, such an accomplishment would burden City ratepayers with an annual cost of over \$300,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the Cloverdale City Council supports statewide efforts to hold producers responsible for the Universal Waste products and other product waste they create; and

**WHEREAS**, there are significant environmental and human health impacts associated with improper management of Universal Waste, sharps, and other products; 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, managing and funding effective end-of-life (EOL) systems for those products; and

**WHEREAS**, EPR encourages reuse and recycling and also encourages producers to consider the health and environmental costs associated with the products they create and to include those costs in the product price, thereby creating an incentive to design products that are more durable, easier to repair and recycle, and are non-toxic; and

**WHEREAS**, EPR framework legislation is a holistic approach that 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 advancing transparent and fair EPR systems in California; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2008 the California Integrated Waste Management Board, now known as CalRecycle, adopted a Framework for an EPR System in California; and

**WHEREAS**, between April 2008 and November 2009, the League of California Cities, the National Association of Counties, and the National League of Cities each adopted a policy statement in support of a framework approach to EPR;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Cloverdale does hereby urge the California Legislature and Agencies to continue taking timely action to implement the Framework for an EPR System adopted by the California Integrated Waste Management Board in 2008 to manage problematic products, and to urge the Department of Toxic Substances Control to implement EPR under the Green Chemistry initiative to manage Universal and other toxic products; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Cloverdale City Council urges the California Legislature to enact framework EPR legislation which will give producers the incentive to design products to make them less toxic and easier to reuse and recycle; and


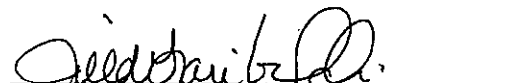
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Cloverdale encourages all manufacturers to share in the responsibility for eliminating waste through minimizing excess packaging, designing products for durability, reusability and the ability to be recycled; using recycled materials in the manufacture of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

Resolution No. 062-2010 was duly adopted on this the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2010 by the following voice vote: (5-ayes, 0-noes)

AYES IN FAVOR:	Council Members Wolter, Palla, Cox, Vice Mayor Raymond and Mayor Russell
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Approved

Attested

  
Carol Russell, Mayor  
Jill Garibaldi, Deputy City Clerk