

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-211

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELK GROVE
SUPPORTING EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY**

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 bans landfill disposal of universal waste that is deemed hazardous, such as household batteries, fluorescent bulbs or tubes, thermostats, and other items that contain mercury, as well as electronic devices including video cassette recorders, microwave ovens, cellular phones, cordless phones, printers, and radios; and

WHEREAS, universal waste management costs are currently funded by the residential rate payers of the City of Elk Grove and costs are expected to increase in the short-term unless policy changes are made; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the list of universal waste determined to be hazardous and therefore banned from landfills will continue to grow; and

WHEREAS, as additional products are declared hazardous by the State, the burden to manage these universal wastes will continue to fall on the ratepayers of local jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Elk Grove supports statewide efforts to hold producers accountable for universal waste management costs; and

WHEREAS, there are significant environmental and human health impacts associated with improper management of universal waste; and

WHEREAS, since local government ratepayers, rather than product manufacturers, currently bear the costs to properly manage universal waste, local governments are in effect subsidizing the production of universal waste; and

WHEREAS, extended producer responsibility (EPR) is a policy approach in which producers assume responsibility for management of waste products and which has been shown to be effective; and

WHEREAS, when producers are responsible for ensuring their products are recycled responsibly, and when health and environmental costs are included in the product price, there is a strong incentive to design and purchase goods that are more durable, easier to recycle, and less toxic; and

WHEREAS, it is timely to develop and support EPR legislation to address product stewardship for hazardous products currently banned from landfill disposal and those which will be added to the list of banned items in the future; and

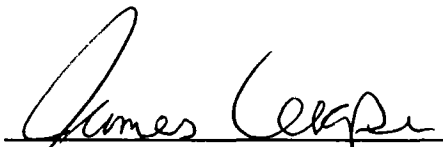
WHEREAS, on November 8, 2006 the Elk Grove City Council adopted its 2007-08 Legislative Principles that included EPR programs for the management of electronic waste; and,

WHEREAS, the California Integrated Waste Management Board is currently considering sponsoring EPR legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove hereby urges its legislative representatives to support extended producer responsibility legislation that shifts universal waste management costs from local government to the producer of the product, which will give producers an incentive to redesign products to make them less toxic and easier to recycle; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Elk Grove hereby authorizes the Mayor to send a letter to the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties, and the California Integrated Waste Management Board to urge support for extended producer responsibility legislation.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove this 26th day of September 2007.



JAMES COOPER, MAYOR of the
CITY OF ELK GROVE

ATTEST:



PEGGY E. JACKSON, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:




SUSAN COCHRAN, CITY ATTORNEY

**CERTIFICATION
ELK GROVE CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 2007-211**

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO) **ss**
CITY OF ELK GROVE)

I, Peggy E. Jackson, City Clerk of the City of Elk Grove, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly introduced, approved, and adopted by the City Council of the City of Elk Grove at a regular meeting of said Council held on September 26, 2007 by the following vote:

AYES : COUNCILMEMBERS: Cooper, Leary, Scherman, Davis, Hume
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN : COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None



**Peggy E. Jackson, City Clerk
City of Elk Grove, California**

