

## RESOLUTION NO. 26572

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA ADOPTING THE NEW (2005 EDITION) GREEN BUILDING GUIDELINES, GREEN POINTS CHECKLIST AND UTILIZING THESE GUIDELINES WHEN CONSTRUCTING OR RENOVATING MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, the Council adopted the Green Building Guidelines on August 17, 2004; and

WHEREAS, green building is a whole systems approach to the design, construction and operation of buildings that employs materials and methods that promote natural resource conservation, energy efficiency, and a good indoor air quality; and

WHEREAS, green buildings benefit building industry professionals, residents, and communities by improving construction quality, increasing building durability, reducing utility, maintenance, water and energy costs, creating healthier homes, and enhancing comfort and livability; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Green Building Guidelines promotes regional consistency and predictability for building professionals; and

WHEREAS, the Green Building Guidelines benefited from extensive input from local governments, staff officials, building professionals, and community interest groups; and

WHEREAS the practices contained in these guidelines were selected for their viability in today's market and their ability to promote sustainable buildings and communities; and

WHEREAS, in September 2005, changes were made to Title 24, Part 6, of the California Code of Regulations: California's Energy Efficiency Standards for residential and nonresidential buildings; and

WHEREAS, Title 24 is a significant part of the Green Building Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, in response, the Green Building Guidelines and Green Points system have been revised and updated to reflect and comply with these Title 24 changes; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate further interest in the program, the Community Development Department will evaluate existing plan check procedures within the next 12 months to determine if the redundancy in compliance review can be avoided at the benefit to the community; and

WHEREAS, the City Environmental Strategic Plan Committee, Santa Rosa Build It Green (SR BIG) Full and Executive Committees recommend that the Council adopt the new (2005 Edition) Green Building Guidelines and Green Points system as outlined in the Build It Green New Home Construction Green Building Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the new (2005 Edition) Green Building Guidelines and Green Point system as a reference document would not constitute a "project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"); and

WHEREAS, the City Environmental Strategic Plan Committee, SR BIG Full and Executive Committees recommend the continued use of the SR BIG independent, third party audit process to help verify compliance with the new (2005 edition) Green Building Guidelines and Green Point systems for new construction and remodels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa adopts the new (2005 Edition) Green Building Guidelines and Green Point rating system.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that private residential builders and developers are encouraged to use green building design, construction, and operation whenever feasible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City will comply with the Green Building Guidelines and Green Point system for the construction of all permanent municipal building and renovation projects which exceed 2,000 sq. ft in area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any new commercial project, multi-family residential, home construction or home remodel which achieves Green Building compliance through this process may advertise their certification with the City of Santa Rosa's BIG Program.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 6th day of June, 2006.