

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-\_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM DESERT, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY NO. PW-001 TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL TURF/SYNTHETIC GRASS IN PUBLIC RIGHTS-OF-WAY

WHEREAS, California Constitution Article XI, Section 7, enable the City of Palm Desert (the “City”) to enact local planning and land use regulations; and

WHEREAS, the City currently does not regulate the design, installation or use of artificial turf/synthetic grass within the City; and

WHEREAS, it is known to the City that certain types of artificial grass/synthetic turf create impenetrable barriers that may prohibit or severely limit the absorption of ground water, and contribute to the risk of overwhelming the capacity of the City’s stormwater drainage system; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies indicate that artificial turf/synthetic grass can have a negative effect on the environment and pose certain health hazards such as creating “heat islands”, decreasing biodiversity, creating impenetrable barriers for ground water, releasing toxic chemicals, including those that are known to cause cancer, and creating burden on local landfills as non-biodegradable materials; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to ensure its residents are adequately protected from the health and safety impacts that unregulated artificial turf/synthetic grass may pose to the City;

WHEREAS, the City desires to formalize a policy to prohibit the use of artificial turf/synthetic grass in public rights of way; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has been presented with a policy in the form attached to this Resolution as “Administrative Policy PW-001” and by this reference incorporated herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Palm Desert, California, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing Recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by this reference.

SECTION 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to establish and periodically review and update Administrative Policy PW-001.

SECTION 3. The attached Administrative Policy PW-001 shall be added to the City’s Administrative Procedures.

ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2024.

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KARINA QUINTANILLA  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

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ANTHONY J. MEJIA  
CITY CLERK

I, Anthony J. Mejia, City Clerk of the City of Palm Desert, hereby certify that Resolution No. 2024-\_\_ is a full, true, and correct copy, and was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Palm Desert on \_\_\_\_\_, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

RECUSED:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Palm Desert, California, on \_\_\_\_\_.

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ANTHONY J. MEJIA  
CITY CLERK