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Effective January 1, 2010, the City of Lemoore has adopted the Model Water Efficiency Landscape Ordinance from the State of California. The full text of this ordinance can be found at: <http://www.water.ca.gov/wateruseefficiency/landscapeordinance/technical.cfm>

Here are some key elements and requirements of the ordinance:

- Governs landscapes for new development or rehabilitation that require a building or landscape permit, plan check, or design review and are:
  - Greater than 2,500 square feet for developer installed single and multi-family housing, public agency projects, and commercial and industrial development
  - Greater 5,000 sq feet for homeowner provided single-family and multi-family housing
- Requires a Landscape Documentation Package be submitted for each project, which includes:
  - Project Information
  - Water Efficient Landscape Worksheet
  - Soil Management Report
  - Landscape Design Plan
  - Irrigation Design Plan
  - Grading Design Plan
- Requires that hydrozones be established which group high water use plants and turf in one area and lower water use plants in other areas to ensure maximum efficiency in irrigation.
- Requires the signature of a Landscape and Irrigation Designer, per Business and Professions Code, Title 16 of CCR and Food and Agriculture Code.
- Does not limit the types of plants that may be used so long as the Maximum Applied Water Allowance is not exceeded for the entire project.
- Requires design of irrigation to prevent overspray and runoff by limiting spray irrigation to areas greater than 8 feet wide and slopes less than 25%.
- Encourages use of irrigation controllers that utilize soil moisture conditions

Attached are some of the documents needed in the Landscape Documentation Package. If you would like to see the full text of the ordinance, the City of Lemoore Planning Department has a copy on file and it is also available on the web at: <http://www.water.ca.gov/wateruseefficiency/landscapeordinance/technical.cfm>