



TEMPLATE

RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

CITY OF _____

SUPPORT OF THE URBANWOOD PROJECT & HIGH-VALUE REUSE OF TREE REMOVAL WASTE

WHEREAS, Southeast Michigan’s urban and suburban areas produce huge amounts of recyclable wood from ongoing tree care activities, with 4.7 million board feet of quality logs potentially available from dead and dying trees each year (as documented by Michigan State University’s Department of Forestry);

WHEREAS, the disposal of recyclable wood waste is an expensive burden, costing the City of _____ \$_____ each year to discard wood that could more affordably be supplied to local sawmills;

WHEREAS, the Urbanwood Project (<http://urbanwood.org>) exists as a network of small, local businesses who recover logs from tree removal waste, process this wood into lumber and other products, market their products collectively within the community, and stimulate the local economy;

WHEREAS, lumber and other solid wood products from reclaimed urban trees have been shown to be of at least equal quality to that of traditional wood products;

WHEREAS, green building projects, which promote use of recycled, reclaimed, and local materials, are becoming more common and create more demand for sustainable products; and

WHEREAS, the City of _____ and its citizens will benefit from a more comprehensive wood recycling strategy that lowers wood disposal costs, conserves resources, reduces waste, supports local economic development, and promotes greater sustainability within this community;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of _____ City Council on this ____ day of _____, 2010,

- (1) Recognizes a need for the higher-value reuse of the City of _____’s tree removal waste,
- (2) Supports the work of businesses involved in Southeast Michigan’s Urbanwood Project as a means to accomplish greater recovery and use of reclaimed urban wood while stimulating the local economy,
- (3) Urges that millable logs be recovered from the City of _____’s wood waste stream whenever possible, and
- (4) Urges that solid wood products made from this type of reclaimed urban wood be given full consideration within the City’s purchasing program and/or in any program directed at constructing environmentally preferable commercial, public, or private buildings in the City of _____.

President, City Council, City of _____

Clerk, City Council, City of _____