

**ORDINANCE NO. 506**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF ATHERTON  
ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 15.52 TO THE  
ATHERTON MUNICIPAL CODE,  
RELATING TO RECYCLING AND DIVERSION OF  
CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION DEBRIS**

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The City Council of the Town of Atherton, California, does hereby ordain as follows:

**Section 1.** A new Chapter 15.52 is hereby added to the Atherton Municipal Code, to read as follows:

**Chapter 15.52  
RECYCLING AND DIVERSION OF DEBRIS FROM  
CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION**

**Sections:**

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### **15.52.10 Findings and Purpose**

The City Council of the Town of Atherton hereby finds and determines that the Town is committed to protecting the public health, safety, welfare and environment; that in order to meet these goals it is necessary that the Town promote the reduction of solid waste and reduce the stream of solid waste going to land fills; that under California law as embodied in the California Waste Management Act (California Public Resources Code Sections 40000 et seq.), Atherton is required to prepare, adopt and implement source reduction and recycling elements to reach reduction goals, and is required to make substantial reductions in the volume of waste materials going to landfill, under the threat of penalties of \$10,000 per day; that debris from demolition and construction of buildings represents a large portion of the volume presently coming from Atherton, and that much of said debris is particularly suitable for recycling; that Atherton's commitment to the reduction of waste and to compliance with state law requires the establishment of programs for recycling and salvaging construction and demolition materials; the City Council recognizes that requiring demolition and construction debris to be recycled and reused may in some respects add modestly to the cost of demolition and in other respects may make possible some cost recovery and cost reduction; and that it is necessary in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare that the following regulations be adopted.

### **15.52.020 Definitions**

For purposes of this chapter the following definitions apply:

A. "Contractor" means any person or entity holding, or required to hold, a contractor's license of any type under the laws of the State of California, or who performs (whether as contractor, subcontractor or owner-builder) any construction, demolition, remodeling, or landscaping service relating to buildings or accessory structures in Atherton.

B. "Construction" means all building, landscaping, remodeling, addition, removal or destruction involving the use or disposal of Designated Recyclable and Reusable Materials as defined in paragraph D below.

C. "Demolition and Construction Debris" means:

1. Discarded materials generally considered to be not water soluble and non-hazardous in nature, including but not limited to steel, glass, brick, concrete, asphalt material, pipe, gypsum, wallboard, and lumber from the construction or destruction of a structure as part of a construction or demolition project or from the renovation of a structure and/or landscaping, and including rocks, soils, tree remains, trees, and other vegetative matter that normally results from land clearing, landscaping and development operations for a construction project.
2. Clean cardboard, paper, plastic, wood, and metal scraps from any construction and/or landscape project.
3. Non-construction and demolition debris wood scraps.
4. De-minimis amounts of other non hazardous wastes that are generated at construction or demolition projects, provided such amounts are consistent with best management practices of the industry.
5. Mixing of construction and demolition debris with other types of solid waste will cause it to be classified as other than construction and demolition debris.

D. "Designated Recyclable and Reusable Materials" means:

1. Masonry building materials including all products generally used in construction including, but not limited to asphalt, concrete, rock, stone and brick.
2. Wood materials including any and all dimensional lumber, fencing or construction wood that is not chemically treated, creosoted, CCA pressure treated, contaminated or painted.
3. Vegetative materials including trees, tree parts, shrubs, stumps, logs, brush or any other type of plants that are cleared from a site for construction or other use.
4. Metals including all metal scrap such as, but not limited to, pipes, siding, window frames, door frames and fences.
5. Roofing Materials including wood shingles as well as asphalt, stone and slate based roofing material.
6. Salvageable Materials includes all salvageable materials and structures Including, but not limited to wallboard, doors, windows, fixtures, toilets, sinks, bath tubs and appliances.

### **15.52.030 Deconstruction and Salvage and Recovery**

Every structure planned for demolition shall be made available for deconstruction, salvage and recovery prior to demolition. It shall be the responsibility of the owner, the general contractor and all subcontractors to recover the maximum feasible amount of salvageable designated recyclable and reusable materials prior to demolition. Recovered and salvaged designated recyclable and reusable materials from the deconstruction phase shall qualify to be counted in meeting the diversion requirements of this chapter. Recovered or salvaged materials may be given or sold on the premises, or may be removed to reuse warehouse facilities for storage or sale. Title to recyclable materials forwarded to the operator of recycling facilities or of a landfill that is under contract to the cities in southern San Mateo County will transfer to the service provider upon departure of materials from the site.

### **15.52.040 Diversion Requirements**

It is required that at least the following specified percentages of the waste tonnage of demolition and construction debris generated from every demolition, remodeling and construction project shall be diverted from going to land fill by using recycling, reuse and diversion programs:

Demolition:

Fifty percent (50%) of waste tonnage including concrete and asphalt, and fifteen percent (15%) of waste tonnage excluding concrete and asphalt.

Reroofing of homes with shingles or shakes as a separate project:

Fifty percent (50%) of waste tonnage.

Construction and Remodeling:

Fifty percent (50%) of waste tonnage.

Separate calculations and reports will be required for the demolition and for the construction portion of projects involving both demolition and construction.

### **15.52.050 Information Required Before Issuance of Permit**

Every applicant shall submit a properly completed "Recycling and Waste Reduction Form", on a form as prescribed by the Building Department, to the Building Department, as a portion of the building or demolition permit process. The form shall contain an accurate estimate of the tonnage or other specified units of construction and/or demolition debris

to be generated from construction and demolition on the site. Approval of the form as complete and accurate shall be a condition precedent to issuance of any building or demolition permit.

#### **15.52.060 Deposit Required**

As a condition precedent to issuance of any permit for a building or a demolition permit that involves the production of solid waste destined to be delivered to a landfill, the applicant shall post a cash deposit in the amount of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each estimated ton of construction and/or demolition debris, but not less than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00). The deposit or cash bond shall be returned, without interest, in total or in proportion, upon proof to the satisfaction of the building official, that no less than the required percentages or proven proportion of those percentages of the tons of debris generated by the demolition and /or construction project have been diverted from landfills and have been recycled or reused. If a lesser percentage of tons or cubic yards than required is diverted, a proportionate share of the deposit will be returned. The deposit shall be forfeited entirely or to the extent that there is a failure to comply with the requirements of this chapter.

#### **15.52.070 Administrative Fee**

As a condition precedent to issuance of any permit for a building or a demolition permit that involves the production of solid waste destined to be delivered to a landfill, the applicant shall pay to the Town a cash fee sufficient to compensate the Town for all expenses incurred in administering the permit. The amount of this fee shall be determined in accordance with the then current resolution of the City Council determining the same.

#### **15.52.080 On Site Practices**

During the term of the demolition or construction project, the contractor shall recycle or divert the required percentages of materials, and keep records thereof in tonnage or in other measurements approved by the Building Department that can be converted to tonnage. The Building department will evaluate and monitor each project to gauge the percentage of materials recycled, salvaged and disposed from the project. The required diversion of a minimum of the required percentages of the demolition and construction debris will be measured separately with respect to the demolition segment and the construction segment of a project where both demolition and construction are involved. To the maximum extent feasible on-site separation of scrap wood and clean green waste in a designated debris box or boxes shall be arranged, in order to permit chipping and mulching for soil enhancement or land cover purposes. In order to protect chipping and grinding machinery, metal and other materials which cannot be chipped or ground shall not be placed in such boxes. On-site separation shall be undertaken for wallboard to the extent feasible on new construction.

### **15.52.090 Reporting**

Within sixty (60) days following the completion of the demolition project, and again within sixty (60) days following the completion of the construction project, the contractor shall, as a condition precedent to final inspection and to issuance of any certificate of occupancy, submit documentation to the Building Department which proves compliance with the requirements of Section 15.52.040. The documentation shall consist a final completed "Recycling and Waste Reduction Form" showing actual data of tonnage of materials recycled and diverted, supported by originals or certified photocopies of receipts and weight tags or other records of measurement from recycling companies, deconstruction contractors and/or landfill and disposal companies. Receipts and weight tags will be used to verify whether materials generated from the site have been or are to be recycled, reused, salvaged or otherwise disposed of. If a project involves both demolition and construction, the report and documentation for the demolition project must be submitted and approved by the Building Department before issuance of a building permit for the construction project. In the alternative, the permittee may submit a letter stating that no waste or recyclable materials were generated from project, in which case this statement shall be subject to verification by the Building Department. Any deposit posted pursuant to Section 15.52.060 shall be forfeited if the permittee does not meet the timely reporting requirements of this section.

### **15.52.100 Violation a Public Nuisance**

Each violation of the provisions of this chapter shall constitute a public nuisance and be subject to abatement as such, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 8.20 of this Code. The costs of abatement of any such nuisance shall be a lien upon the property involved.

### **15.52.110 Penalties**

Each violation of the provisions of this chapter shall constitute a misdemeanor, and shall be punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not to exceed six (6) months, or by fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), or by both such fine and imprisonment. Each day that a violation continues shall be deemed a new and separate offense."

**Section 2.** Except as hereby amended, said Atherton Municipal Code as amended shall be and remain in full force and effect.

**Section 3.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof nor other applications of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

**Section 4.** This Ordinance shall be posted in at least three public places within the Town of Atherton and shall be effective from and after thirty (30) days following its adoption.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the Town of Atherton held on July 21, 1999, and was adopted by said City Council at a regular meeting held on September 29, 1999, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 5 COUNCILMEMBERS: Carlson, Conwell, Dudley, Fisher, Chapman  
NOES: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS  
ABSENT: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS  
ABSTAIN: 0 COUNCILMEMBERS

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Nanette F. Chapman, Mayor  
Town of Atherton

ATTEST:

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Sharon Barker, City Clerk  
Town of Atherton