

MODEL ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE NEW CAR WASHES TO RECYCLE WATER

Description

This model ordinance requires new commercial conveyor car washes permitted and constructed after January 1, 2011 to install recycled water systems. In lieu of an ordinance, a local government may choose to implement this measure through local development codes, as a condition of water service, through a local policy, or other means of implementation.

Section 1. General Provisions

- 1.1 Purpose and Intent
 - (1) The purpose of this ordinance is to reduce water consumption from commercial car wash facilities by requiring all new conveyor car washes to install operational recycled water systems.
- 1.2 Applicability
 - (1) This ordinance applies to all new conveyor car washes permitted and constructed after January 1, 2011, regardless of the water source.
 - (2) The provisions of this ordinance do not apply to conveyor commercial car washes that were permitted or constructed before January 1, 2011.
 - (3) The provisions of this ordinance do not apply to self-service car washes or in-bay car washes.

Section 2. Definitions

- 2.1 The following words and phrases, whenever used in this ordinance, have the meaning defined in this section:
 - (1) **“In-bay automatic car wash”** means a commercial car wash where the driver pulls into the bay and parks the car. The vehicle remains stationary while a machine moves back and forth over the vehicle to clean it, instead of the vehicle moving through the tunnel.
 - (2) **“Conveyor car wash”** means a commercial car wash where the car moves on a conveyor belt during the wash. The driver of the vehicle can remain in the vehicle or wait outside of the vehicle.
 - (3) **“Recycled water system”** means a water system that captures and reuses water previously used in wash or rinse cycles.
 - (4) **“Self-service car wash”** means a commercial car wash where the customers wash their cars themselves with spray wands and brushes.

Section 3. Commercial Car Wash Water Recycling Requirement

- 3.1 All new commercial conveyor car washes, permitted and constructed after January 1, 2011 must install operational recycled water systems. A minimum of 50% of water utilized will be recycled.