ORDINANCE NO. 2011-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ
AMENDING SECTION 16.08.020 OF THE SANTA CRUZ MUNICIPAL CODE AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 16.08.065 TO FACILITATE GRAYWATER USE.

The City Council of the City of Santa Cruz ordains as follows:

Section 1. Section 16.08.020 of the Municipal Code of the City of Santa Cruz shall be amended to read as follows:

16.08.020 DISCHARGE TO SANITARY SEWER

All wastewater shall be discharged to public sewers except as provided in this chapter, in Chapter 6.20, and in Chapter 16A of the California Plumbing Code-as adopted by reference in Title 18 of this Code. Septic tanks and cesspools are not allowed within city boundaries except as specified in Chapter 6.20.

Section 2. A new Section 16.08.065 of the Municipal Code of the City of Santa Cruz shall be added to read as follows:

16.08.065 GRAYWATER SYSTEMS.

(1) A plumbing permit shall be obtained from the City Planning/Building Department for all simple and complex graywater systems, as defined in Chapter 16A of the California Plumbing Code-as adopted by reference in Title 18 of this Code. Prior to issuance of said plumbing permit, an environmental health clearance shall be obtained from the County Environmental Health Services. Following construction, a field inspection of the irrigation portion of the graywater system shall be conducted by the County Environmental Health Services.

(2) A plumbing permit, environmental health clearance, and field inspection shall not be required for a clothes washer system provided it is constructed and operated in compliance with Chapter 16 A of the California Plumbing Code-as adopted by reference in Title 18 of this Code and the owner signs, submits, and complies with the "Installation and Maintenance Agreement for Clothes Washer Graywater System" as published by the City of Santa Cruz Public Works Department.

(3) The County Environmental Health Services, in providing any services or conducting any inspection, to confirm that permitted graywater systems comply with County Environmental Health Services standards, is authorized to assess fees to the property owner for said services and inspections in accordance with the fee schedule updated by the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors for the provision of similar services and inspections in the unincorporated area of the county.

(4) All graywater systems shall be designed to allow the user to direct the flow to the irrigation or disposal field or to the building sewer. The means of changing the direction of the graywater shall be clearly labeled and readily accessible to the user.

(5) All graywater shall be directed to the building sewer during the winter wet season to prevent ponding or runoff.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in force and take effect thirty (30) days after its final adoption.

PASSED FOR PUBLICATION this 14th day of June, 2011, by the following vote:
AYES: Councilmembers Robinson, Madrigal, Terrazas, Bryant, Vice Mayor Lane. NOES: None. ABSENT: Councilmember Beiers; Mayor Coonerty. DISQUALIFIED: None.
APPROVED: ss/Don Lane, Vice Mayor. ATTEST: ss/Tom Graves, Interim City Clerk. This Ordinance is scheduled for further consideration at the Council meeting of June 28, 2011.