

RESOLUTION NO. 91-91  
A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA,  
FOR THE ADOPTION OF A POLICY REGARDING  
PROTECTION OF TROPICAL TIMBER

WHEREAS, tropical rainforests are being destroyed at a rate of 50,000 acres per day and rainforests larger than the State of California are disappearing from the earth yearly; and

WHEREAS, the use of imported tropical timber by the United States represents a substantial loss of tropical rainforests, and scientific evidence has shown that the destruction of tropical rainforests is partially responsible for the Greenhouse Effect, as well as contributing to the death of indigenous rainforest peoples and the destruction of their culture; and

WHEREAS; the tropical rainforests are home to half of the world's species, and the loss of these forests results in the extinction of tens of millions of species; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of those who live, work, and do business in the City that measures be taken to reduce or stop the destruction of tropical rainforests worldwide; and

WHEREAS, a ban on the use of tropical timber by the City would reduce demand for tropical timber, thus lessening the need to cut more tropical rainforest; and

WHEREAS, such a ban would not create shortages of building supplies, as alternative wood products are grown in a substantial fashion in temperate forests; and

WHEREAS, the ban would stimulate business and provide jobs in the United States, as many alternatives to tropical hardwoods are grown domestically.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Santa Clarita, California, as follows:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby adopts the following policy:

A. The City of Santa Clarita shall not purchase any item or product which has originated in part or whole from any tropical hardwood species listed in this section, nor shall and City sponsored event utilize such products, nor shall City Public Works contractors utilize such products.

B. Tropical hardwood species include, but are not limited to the following:

<u>Scientific Name</u>	<u>Common Name</u>
Vouacapoua Americana	Acapu
Pericopsis Elata	Afrormosia
Shorea Almon	Almon
Peltogyne Spp.	Amaranth
Guibourtia Ehie	Amazaque
Aningeria Spp.	Aningeria
Dipterocarpus Grandiflorus	Apitong
Ochroma Lagopus	Balsa
Virola Spp.	Banak
Anisoptera Thurifera	Bella Rosa
Guibourtia Arnoldiana	Benge
Detarium Senegalese	Boire
Guibourtia Demeusii	Bubinga
Prioria Copaifera	Cativo
Antiaris Africana	Chenchen
Dalbergia Retusa	Concobolo
Cordia Spp.	Cordia
Diospyros Spp.	Ebony
Aucoumea Klaineana	Gaboon
Chlorophora Excelsa	Iroko
Acacia Koa	Koa
Pterygota Macrocarda	Koto
Shorea Negrosensis	Red Luan
Pentacme Controta	White Luan
Shorea Polysperma	Tanguile
Terminalia Superba	Limba
Aniba Duckei	Louro
Khaya Ivorensis	Africa Mahogany
Swietenia Macrophylla	Amer. Mahogany
Tieghemella Heckelii	Makore
Distemonanthus Benthamianus	Movingui
Pterocarpus Soyauxii	African Paduak
Pterocarpus Angolensis	Angola Paduak
Aspidosperma Spp.	Peroba
Peltogyne Spp.	Purpleheart
Gonystylus Spp.	Ramin
Dalbergia Spp.	Rosewood
Entandrophragma Cylindricum	Sapele
Shorea Philippinensis	Sonora
Tectona Grandis	Teak
Lovoa Trichiliodes	Tigerwood
Milletia Laurentii	Wenge
Microberlinia Brazzavillensis	Zebrawood

C. Exemptions: The Council may exempt an item or product from the requirements of this section upon evidence that such item or product has no acceptable non-tropical wood equivalent, or is required in a designated historical building; and

D. Directing City staff to modify its procedures regarding purchasing by requiring each wood vendor to note on each invoice for wood products supplied to the City of Santa Clarita the identity of the manufacturer of

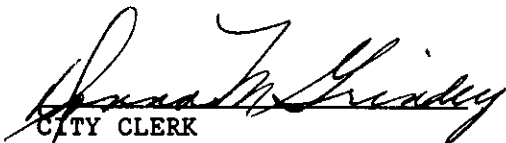
the products, and that the material supplied is not tropical wood, and each Public Works general contractor shall certify that no tropical hardwoods are being used by prime or subcontractors in the awarded project.

SECTION 2. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this resolution and certify this record to be a full, true, correct copy of the action taken.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 8th day of October, 1991.

  
MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
CITY CLERK

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Clarita at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 8th day of October, 1991, by the following vote of the Council:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Darcy, Heidt, Klajic, McKeon, Boyer

NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

  
CITY CLERK