

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMAN \_\_\_\_\_

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RESOLUTION ADOPTING POLICIES REGARDING USE OF  
CHEMICAL PESTICIDES BY CITY DEPARTMENTS TO  
CONTROL UNWANTED PLANT GROWTH, FUNGI AND INSECTS

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WHEREAS, the City Council established a Committee of citizens and City staff to study the use and effects of pesticides to control the pest population; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has completed its study of the issues and has developed a series of policies regulating the use of pesticides to control unwanted plant growth, fungi and insects; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that City departments, shall, to the fullest extent possible, adopt and implement Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques and methods as standard operating procedure to approach pest problems, and employ a combination of control strategies, placing major reliance on those with the least wanted impacts; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that City departments shall consider pest maintenance techniques and use of resistant vegetation to reduce pesticide and other maintenance techniques in the process of planning future parks and replacing vegetation in existing facilities; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the use of chemical pesticides shall be minimized as much as possible and shall be considered only as a last resort to more environmentally sound alternatives such as cultural and manual pest controls; that the amount and types of chemical pesticides stored and used shall be kept to a minimum; that departments shall develop, maintain and update a list of approved chemicals to be made available to the public; that under no circumstance shall any chemical pesticide be applied in amounts other than those for which it is registered and approved; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that City staff shall keep detailed records of all chemical applications administered by City staff or contractors engaged by the City with such records available for public inspection and reviewed periodically by staff to ensure compliance with relevant rules and regulations; that City departments which employ the use of chemicals shall maintain records of pest-related complaints; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that all City employees engaged in the application of chemical pesticides shall be trained and certified, and provided with adequate supervision and proper safety equipment; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that prior posting of all pesticide applications shall be provided to the public in the form of thirty days advance notice for regular seasonal spraying programs and same day notification for minor or unscheduled applications where notice shall remain for a reasonable period after completion so that the public will be aware of a chemical application in the area; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that community participation shall be sought for the purpose of developing alternatives to chemical pesticides and that City departments will hold public meetings at the community's request to develop options to deal with the pest population and weed problems by means other than chemical pesticides; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that public agencies in Oakland shall be requested to cooperate by adhering to these policies; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Committee to study pesticides shall review techniques applied by departments and their contractors in City owned structures for development of a series of recommendations relating to the matter.

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IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIF., FEB 3 1981, 19

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES — ENG, GIBSON, GILMORE, MOORE, OGAWA, RILES, SPEES, SUTTER  
AND PRESIDENT WILSON — 8

NOES — NONE

ABSENT — COUNCIL MEMBER GILMORE, - 1