



CITY OF MILWAUKIE

"Dogwood City of the West"

Resolution No. 49-2016

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON,
TO ELIMINATE THE USE OF NEONICOTINOID PESTICIDES WHICH ARE TOXIC TO
HONEY BEES AND OTHER POLLINATORS.**

WHEREAS, the use of neonicotinoid pesticides is associated with lethal and sub-lethal effects on bees that impair bee foraging patterns, navigating and learning behavior, alter reproductive cycles, impair bee immune systems leading to increased susceptibility to pathogens and reduced colony survival; and

WHEREAS, the loss of pollinators is alarmingly high honey bees are facing annual declines of approximately forty percent, greatly in excess of normal losses, and nearly forty pollinator species are listed as threatened or endangered by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service; and

WHEREAS, recent research found that more than one-quarter of North American bumble bees are at risk of extinction. In Oregon, the imperiled species are: *Bombus (B.) fervidus*, *B. caliginosus*, *B. suckleyi*, *B. morrisoni*, *B. occidentalis* and *B. franklini*; and

WHEREAS, threats to pollinators concern the entire food system, where pollination services provided by honey bees and other essential pollinators account for one in every three bites of food, are responsible for the pollination of commodity crops such as almonds, apples, blueberries and many others, and contribute between \$20-30 billion worth of services to United States agriculture; and

WHEREAS, the use of neonicotinoid pesticides has been shown to poison birds as well as aquatic organisms; and

WHEREAS, systemic insecticides, such as neonicotinoids can: 1) give rise to chemical residues that persist in the environment, 2) translocate through plants to remain in leaves, pollen and nectar, 3) contaminate soil, impact beneficial soil microorganisms, and contaminate water resources; and

WHEREAS, federal regulatory approval for most neonicotinoid products was made through Conditional Registration, a process that put pesticides on the market without full toxicity testing; and

WHEREAS, residential and commercial use of neonicotinoid and other hazardous pesticides on home gardens, public parks, schools, and other local and municipal areas could pose risks to already compromised bees and other pollinators; and

WHEREAS, the use of hazardous pesticides is not necessary to create and maintain green lawns and landscapes, home or public gardens, or open spaces given the availability of viable alternative practices and products; and

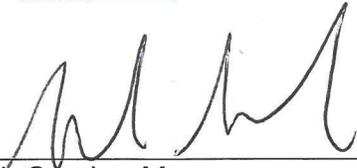
WHEREAS, procuring or using products containing neonicotinoid, neonicotinoid-like insecticides, or plants treated with neonicotinoid or neonicotinoid-like insecticides is considered bad practice in government and environmental stewardship.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILWAUKIE, OREGON, THAT:

1. The City of Milwaukie and government agencies doing business in Milwaukie shall commit to purchasing plants, seeds, and all other landscaping materials, that have not been treated with neonicotinoids or other like systemic insecticides.
2. The City of Milwaukie hereby urges all businesses, homeowners, and homeowner's associations operating within the City ensure no plants, seeds, or products containing neonicotinoids are purchased, sold, or used within the City; and to clearly and accurately label any plants or materials that have been treated with a neonicotinoid or neonicotinoid-like insecticide.
3. The City of Milwaukie and government agencies doing business in Milwaukie will suspend the use of neonicotinoids and other bee-toxic systemic insecticides on all City properties unless otherwise declared by emergency order as stated in the Clackamas County Integrated Pest Management Plan.
4. The City of Milwaukie and government agencies doing business in Milwaukie will require that commercial pest service providers performing services on behalf of the City provide landscape services that encourage pollinator populations and support pollinator services.
5. The City of Milwaukie and government agencies doing business in Milwaukie will pursue creating more native pollinator habitat such as installing more pollinator host and forage plants. These installations will be placed in appropriate locations such as: rights-of-way, storm water management ponds, areas that are currently turf grass, vacant land, and at City facilities.
6. The City of Milwaukie and government agencies doing business in Milwaukie will encourage private developers to incorporate pollinator-friendly plantings into required landscaping.
7. The Mayor and the Milwaukie City Council agree to adopt the Clackamas County Integrated Pest Management Plan to restrict use of neonicotinoid and neonicotinoid-like pesticides. Said restrictions shall allow very limited emergency applications only. Even then, these emergency applications shall only be performed as identified in the Plan. The Mayor and City Council will continue to make the Plan more pollinator friendly.

Introduced and adopted by the City Council on 4/19/16.

This resolution is effective on 4/19/16.



Mark Gamba, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
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Pat DuVal, City Recorder



City Attorney