

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE OPPOSING THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF RAT AND MOUSE POISONS DEEMED AN UNREASONABLE RISK TO CHILDREN, PETS, AND WILDLIFE

WHEREAS, in 1998 the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) issued its Reregistration Eligibility Decisions (REDs) for rodenticides, and expressed concern about accidental human exposures to rodenticides as well as risks to wildlife; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of Poison Control Centers annually receives between 12,000 and 15,000 reports of children under the age of six being exposed to these types of products; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, there have been several confirmed deaths by rat poisoning of Cooper's Hawks in nearby Berkeley and the National Park Service has reported that 50% of the Santa Monica area bobcat population has been wiped out due to rat poison-related disease; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the US EPA issued its Final Risk Mitigation Decision for Ten Rodenticides, and gave producers until June 2011 to research, develop and register new products that would be safer for children, pets and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, several companies have recently advised US EPA that they do not intend to adopt the new safety measures stipulated in the Final Risk Mitigation Decision, these companies include Reckitt Benckiser Inc. (makers of D-Con, Fleeject, and Mimas rodent control products), Spectrum Group (makers of Hot Shot rodent control products), and Liphatech Inc. (makers of Generation, Maki, and Rozol rodent control products); and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above companies' actions, many of the products that the US EPA considers to pose an unacceptable risk to children, pets and wildlife are still being sold to Emeryville residents, now, be it, therefore,

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Emeryville urges Emeryville businesses to stop the sale of rat and mouse poisons that would be prohibited under the US EPA's Risk Mitigation Decisions for Ten Rodenticides, and be it further,

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Emeryville urges Emeryville residents to avoid buying the above products, and to use less-toxic rodent control methods, and be it further,

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Emeryville urges that all manufacturers of rat and mouse poisons immediately stop manufacture and sale of rat and mouse

poisons that do not incorporate the safety measures specified in the US EPA's Risk Mitigation Decisions for Ten Rodenticides, and be it further,

RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Emeryville urges the California Department of Pesticide Regulation to cancel or refuse to renew registration of the above products.

ADOPTED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville at a regular meeting held Tuesday, August 21, 2012.

MAYOR:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael Siddle

CITY CLERK

CITY ATTORNEY