

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-015

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS URGING BUSINESSES
TO REFRAIN FROM SELLING AND USING AND
RESIDENTS TO REFRAIN FROM USING
ANTICOAGULANT RODENTICIDES**

WHEREAS, anticoagulant rodenticides are poisons used to exterminate a variety of rodents (including rats, gophers, and ground squirrels); and

WHEREAS, anticoagulant rodenticides are produced in bait form and contain lethal substances that pose a danger to children, domestic animals, and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, domestic animals and wildlife are at grave risk when ingesting rodents who have consumed anticoagulant rodenticides; and

WHEREAS, the City of Thousand Oaks prides itself on being surrounded by over 15,000 acres of natural open space and is a part of the Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency (COSCA); and

WHEREAS, COSCA preserves and protects an open space system to provide a safe, stable environment for native plants and animals; and

WHEREAS, the City's open space adjoins federal parks, such as the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and Cheseboro Canyon; and

WHEREAS, in a recent study conducted by the National Park Service, anti-coagulant rodenticides have been a leading cause of poisoning and death of wildlife; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the Federal Environmental Protection Agency restricted the sale and distribution of the more toxic second-generation rodenticides to consumers and limited it to agricultural use and use by professional applicators; and

WHEREAS, in July 2014, the California Department of Pesticide Regulation imposed a statewide ban on second-generation anticoagulants for direct-to-consumer sale and limited its use to licensed professional operators.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Thousand Oaks as follows:

Section 1. The City urges businesses in the City of Thousand Oaks to refrain from selling and using anticoagulant rodenticides; and urges residents to refrain from purchasing and using anticoagulant poisons; and

Section 2. The City will discontinue its use of anticoagulant rodenticides except under circumstances of extreme risk of danger to the health of our citizens or damage to public infrastructure; in such extreme circumstances use would be for a limited amount of time. Staff will provide an annual report summarizing the location and circumstance for each use and

Section 3. The City will develop a public outreach and education campaign to inform businesses and residents about the harmful effects of anticoagulant rodenticides and recommendations for alternative pest control methods.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of April, 2015.



Al Adam, Mayor

ATTEST:



Linda Lawrence, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Tracy M. Noonan, City Attorney

APPROVED TO ADMINISTRATION:



Scott Mitnick, City Manager

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF VENTURA) SS.
CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS)

I, LINDA D. LAWRENCE, City Clerk of the City of Thousand Oaks, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of Resolution No. 2015-015 which was duly and regularly passed and adopted by said City Council at a regular meeting held April 14, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Fox, Bill-de la Peña, Price, and Mayor Adam

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Thousand Oaks, California.

Linda Lawrence
Linda D. Lawrence, City Clerk
City of Thousand Oaks, California

4/16/15
Date Attested