

City Council

Consideration of Resolution Concerning the Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides by the City of Olympia

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to adopt the Resolution Concerning the Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides by the City of Olympia

Report

Issue:

Shall the City Council adopt the attached Resolution?

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Presenter(s):

Darren Nienaber, Interim City Attorney

Background and Analysis:

At the City Council's October 28, 2014 meeting, Mayor Buxbaum presented a draft letter to Thurston County and a resolution drafted by Mayor Pro-Tem Jones concerning the use of neonicotinoid pesticides. The Mayor asked that the resolution be scheduled for Council consideration on November 3, 2014. Councilmember Cooper requested an amendment to the resolution encouraging the citizens of Olympia and Thurston County to plant trees, shrubs, and plants that attract pollinators. The attached resolution reflects that request. The Council agreed to schedule the resolution for consideration at its November 3, 2014 meeting.

Distribution:

In addition to mailing the letter to the Thurston County Board of Commissioners, if adopted, staff will post the resolution on the City's website and forward the link by email to the Coalition of Neighborhoods and City of Olympia advisory committee members. Also, if approved, the resolution

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will be included in the packet information prepared for the Council's upcoming annual meeting with state legislators from the 22nd District.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

More pollinators would tend to help local food production.

Options:

- 1. Approve the Resolution as presented.
- 2. Amend, then take action to approve the Resolution as amended.
- 3. Do not take any action.

Financial Impact:

None.