

CITY OF BELVEDERE

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELVEDERE

WHEREAS, the Belvedere City Council desires to eliminate the use of pesticides and landscape maintenance products that can adversely affect human and environmental health; and

WHEREAS, all reasonable steps should be taken to maintain the health of our community in a sustainable manner, to the benefit of all residents and future generations; and

WHEREAS, the City of Belvedere is committed to creating an example, not only for our own residents and visitors, but to neighboring cities and public agencies in Marin County and the State of California; and

WHEREAS, the City of Belvedere understands that the landscape infrastructure of the City can be maintained in a thriving and sustainable manner without causing environmental and human harm;

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

- 1. In order to facilitate and enhance protection of the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens and visitors, the City will only use, and authorize the use of, pesticides that have been approved for organic production by the National Organic Program (NOP), on all property owned by the City, and upon any property upon which the City has authority to act. In addition, the City will only use fertilizers and any other landscape maintenance products which have been approved by the NOP.**
- 2. With the knowledge that a sustainable and healthful community depends upon a commitment of support by all members of that community, the City Council appeals to all Belvedere residents to consider the City's organic pesticide policy in making choices for pesticide use on their own properties.**
- 3. An exception to this pesticide policy will be made in order to control the proliferation of biting or stinging insects such as yellow jackets, wasps, mosquitoes, and other similar pests. As control of these pests on City property is normally performed by the Marin-Sonoma Mosquito and Vector Control District, the City authorizes non-organic control, but will advocate for the use of the least toxic product on a case by case basis. In addition, the City will exempt any governmental entity from the provisions of this Resolution whose authority pre-empts that of the City.**

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Belvedere on
, 2005, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED:

Barbara Morrison, Mayor

ATTEST:

Leslie Carpentiers, Deputy City Clerk

