



CITY OF FORT BRAGG

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COUNCIL COMMITTEE ITEM SUMMARY REPORT

MEETING DATE: JULY 10, 2019
TO: PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE
FROM: CHANTELL O'NEAL; ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN
AGENDA ITEM TITLE: RECEIVE REPORT AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL REGARDING AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 6 OF THE FORT BRAGG MUNICIPAL CODE TO INCORPORATE A PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN TO REGULATE THE APPLICATION OF PESTICIDES ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY AND TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ABOUT BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR PRIVATE APPLICATIONS.

BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW:

At the April Public Works and Facilities Committee Meeting, Committee Member Morsell-Haye requested a future discussion for the potential ban of "round-up" or glyphosate for public and private use to be agendized for a future meeting. On May 8, 2019 staff brought forward additional information summarizing direction from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Cal EPA, and the World Health Organization as well as provided the Committee with resources for programs instituted by other California Cities.

Committee discussed the need for an official policy to memorialize the pest management practices used by City forces and recommended implementing an organics first policy. The Committee addressed the need for the weed abatement program ordinance to be amended to include the prohibition of the use of glyphosate on City sidewalks and requested that application of pesticides in a manner not in accordance with the policy be considered a code violation. The Committee expressed the importance of the Bee City designation when crafting a policy and requested that the Fort Bragg Unified School District be included in the discussion as well.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Review draft ordinance and provide direction to the full Council for the amendment of Title 6 of the Fort Bragg Municipal Code to include edits to:
 - A. Chapter 6.10 [Weed Abatement Procedures]; and
 - B. The incorporation of a new Chapter 6.11 [Integrated Pest Management] to regulate the application of pesticides on public property.

2. 2. The Director of Public Works (or designee) shall, as soon as practicable, formulate and develop an Integrated Pest Management Plan for the City. The Integrated Pest Management Plan shall contain the following elements:
 - A. A description of all materials and methods of permissible pest control for use on or in City owned, operated or maintained property, buildings or facilities, including sidewalk areas in the City's right-of-way; and
 - B. A methodology for educating the public about pest control management on or in private property using permissible pest control techniques;A draft version of an Integrated Pest Management Plan is attached for review. Until such time as the Management Plan is approved, the City shall endeavor to informally implement the policy of the City to avoid the use of pesticides as reasonably practicable.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Chapter 6.10 [Weed Abatement Procedures] Edits with Tracked Changes

Attachment 2: Draft Version of new Chapter 6.11 [Integrated Pest Management] of the Fort Bragg Municipal Code

Attachment 3: Draft Contents for an Integrated Pest Management Plan

Attachment 4: Assembly Bill AB-916 Pesticide Use: Glyphosate