RESOLUTION 2012–XX

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL CERRITO URGING LOCAL BUSINESSES TO DISCONTINUE THE SALE AND BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS TO DISCONTINUE USE OF CERTAIN RODENTICIDES

WHEREAS, In 1988 the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) issued its Reregistration Eligibility Decisions (REDs) for rodenticides and expressed concern for accidental human exposure to rodenticides as well as risks to wildlife; and

WHEREAS, In September 2004, the US EPA released its Revised Comparative Ecological Assessment for Nine Rodenticides, which found more than 300 documented wildlife incidents of exposure of birds and non-target mammals to rodenticides in particular that contain the ingredient Brodifacoum; and

WHEREAS, Brodifacoum residue has been detected in liver tissue of 27 of 32 endangered Kit Foxes screened for rodenticide residues from 1999 to 2003; 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 rodenticides; 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 the 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 continue to be sold to El Cerrito residents.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the El Cerrito City Council that it urges El Cerrito 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the El Cerrito City Council urges El Cerrito residents, contractors and staff to avoid buying or using the above products and to use less-toxic rodent control methods.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the El Cerrito City Council urges all manufacturers of rat and mouse poisons to immediately stop the manufacture and sale of rat and mouse poisons that do not incorporate the safety measures specified in the US EPA’s Risk Mitigation Decision for Ten Rodenticides.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the El Cerrito City Council urges the California Department of Pesticide Regulation to cancel or refuse to renew registration of the above products.
I CERTIFY that at a regular meeting on September 18, 2012 the City Council of the City of El Cerrito passed this Resolution by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: 
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: 
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: 
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: 

IN WITNESS of this action, I sign this document and affix the corporate seal of the City of El Cerrito on September ___, 2012.

Cheryl Morse, City Clerk

APPROVED:

William C. Jones III, Mayor
U.S. EPA List of Rodenticide Products “that cause unreasonable adverse effects on the environment”

D-CON CONCENTRATE KILLS RATS & MICE, EPA Reg. No. 3282-3 (warfarin)
D- READY MIXED KILLS RATS & MICE, EPA Reg. No. 3282-4 (warfarin)
D- MOUSE PRUFE KILLS MICE, EPA Reg. No. 3282-9 (warfarin)
D- PELLETS KILLS RATS & MICE, EPA Reg. No. 3282-15 (warfarin)
D- MOUSE PRUFE II, EPA Reg. No. 3282-65 (brodifacoum)
D- PELLETS GENERATION II, EPA Reg. No. 3282-66 (brodifacoum)
D- BAIT PELLETS II, EPA Reg. No. 3282-74 (brodifacoum)
D- READY MIXED GENERATION II, EPA Reg. No. 3282-81 (brodifacoum)
D- MOUSE-PRUFE III, EPA Reg. No. 3282-85 (difethialone)
D- BAIT PELLETS III, EPA Reg. No. 3282-86 (difethialone)
D- II READY MIX BAITBITS III, EPA Reg. No. 3282-87 (difethialone)
D- BAIT PACKS III, EPA Reg. No. 3282-88 (difethialone)
GENERATION MEAL BAIT PACKS, EPA Reg. No. 7173-247 (difethialone)
DIFETHIALONE BAIT STATION, EPA Reg. No. 7173-283 (difethialone)
HOT SHOT SUDDEN DEATH BRAND MOUSE KILLER, EPA Reg. No. 8845-125 (bromethalin)
HOT SHOT SUDDEN DEATH BRAND RAT KILLER 1, EPA Reg. No. 8845-126 (bromethalin)
HOT SHOT SUDDEN DEATH BRAND RAT & MOUSE KILLER, EPA Reg. No. 8845-127 (bromethalin)
HOT SHOT SUDDEN DEATH BRAND MOUSE KILLER BAIT STATION, EPA Reg. No. 8845-128 (bromethalin)

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