

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FOSTER CITY URGING THE FOSTER CITY COMMUNITY NOT TO BUY AND SELL RAT AND MOUSE POISONS THAT DO NOT COMPLY WITH UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S NEW RISK REDUCTION STANDARDS THAT ARE NECESSARY TO PROTECT CHILDREN, PETS AND WILDLIFE FROM ACCIDENTAL EXPOSURE TO RODENT BAITS

CITY OF FOSTER CITY

WHEREAS, in 1998 the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) issued its Reregistration Eligibility Decisions (REDs)¹ for rodenticides, which expressed concern about accidental human exposures to rodenticides as well as risks to wildlife but also recognized the public health benefits of rodenticides; and,

WHEREAS, anticoagulant compounds, including brodifacoum, were detected by the California Department of Fish and Game in liver tissue of 26 of 30 endangered kit foxes screened for rodenticide residues from 1999 to 2007²; and,

WHEREAS, between 1993 and 2007, the American Association of Poison Control Centers annually received reports of approximately 12,000 to 15,000 rodenticide exposures to children under the age of six and in 2011 it reported 8,312 cases of children under the age of six being exposed to long-acting anticoagulant rodenticides; and,

WHEREAS, in 2008, the US EPA issued its Final Risk Mitigation Decision for Ten Rodenticides, and gave producers until June 2011 to discontinue manufacture and sale except as allowed in the Final Risk Mitigation Decision; and,

WHEREAS, the US EPA is in the process of canceling and removing from the consumer market mouse and rat poison products that fail to comply with the safety measures in the Final Risk Mitigation Decision because they pose an unacceptable risk to children, pets and wildlife, but at this time these products are still being legally sold to Foster City residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Foster City does hereby urge Foster City businesses to immediately stop the sale of rat and mouse poisons that would be prohibited under the US EPA's Risk Mitigation Decision for Ten Rodenticides; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Foster City does hereby urge Foster City residents to avoid buying the above products, and to use less-toxic rodent control methods; and

¹ www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/reregistration/REDs/2100red.pdf

² www.dfg.ca.gov/wildlife/WIL/pesticide/docs/SanJoaquinKitFox.pdf

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Foster City urges that all manufacturers of rat and mouse poisons immediately stop 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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED as Resolution of the City Council of the City of Foster City at the Regular Meeting of the City of Foster City held on the 17th day of June, 2013, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

PAM FRISELLA, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DORIS L. PALMER, CITY CLERK