

CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION 2019-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES, FLORIDA, DIRECTING THE CITY MANAGER TO CEASE THE REGULAR USE OF PRODUCTS CONTAINING GLYPHOSATE BY CITY STAFF OR CITY CONTRACTORS

WHEREAS, glyphosate is a broad-spectrum herbicide that is commonly used in landscape maintenance and can be found in products such as Roundup and Ranger Pro; and

WHEREAS, glyphosate is toxic to aquatic vegetation and wildlife, and does not break down quickly in water; and

WHEREAS, runoff from the excessive and improper use of herbicides containing glyphosate may be harmful to the waterways in Coral Gables and contribute to adverse effects in surface or ground water; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission has determined that it is in the best interest of the public healthy, safety, and welfare of the residents of the City for the City to cease the regular use of products containing glyphosate; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission understands that certain circumstances may require the City to use glyphosate on athletic fields and golf courses when eradicating existing turf prior to changing grass types or resodding is necessary; and

WHEREAS, all use of glyphosate by City employees and City contractors will be done pursuant to best management practices and under the supervision of appropriately licensed staff and contractors; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission directs the City Manager to cease the regular use of products containing glyphosate by all City staff or City Contractors in the performance of landscaping and maintenance work on all properties owned and maintained by the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL GABLES:

SECTION 1. The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Resolution upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission hereby directs the City Manager to cease the regular use of products containing glyphosate by the City or City contractors in the performance of landscaping and maintenance work on all City owned or maintained properties, with the understanding that certain circumstances may require the City or its contractors to use the products in accordance with best management practices.

SECTION 3. That the City Commission directs the City Manager that any policy shall not affect the current term of existing contracts, but for all contract extensions, renewals, and new contracts, the City Manager is directed to include specific language in all such contracts prohibiting the regular use of products containing glyphosate.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF OCTOBER, A.D., 2019.

(Moved: _____/ Seconded: _____)

(Yeas:)

(Unanimous:)

(Non-Agenda Item)

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