

**FOR THE PURPOSE OF URGING
BALANCE IN THE REGULATION
OF PESTICIDE USE IN AN URBAN
AREA**

) **RESOLUTION NO. 99-2794B**
)
) Introduced by Councilor
) Rod Park

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WHEREAS, Metro has adopted as regional policy the Regional Urban Growth Goals and Objectives—RUGGO's, including goals focusing on regional planning, the built environment, the natural environment and growth management; and

WHEREAS, it is acknowledged that proper reporting and application of pesticides in rural and urban areas is of significant importance; and

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WHEREAS, Metro has adopted water quality requirements in the Urban Growth Management Functional Plan, and is actively engaged in the development of further measures related to fish and wildlife habitat, storm water management and a regionally coordinated response to the federal Endangered Species Act listings; and

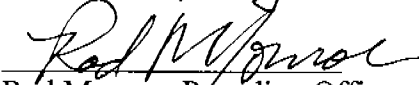
WHEREAS, the urban environment is unique, due to the storm water systems which can magnify pesticide movement; and

WHEREAS, this resolution encourages a balanced approach and exchange of ideas on the proper reporting on pesticide use in urban areas; now, therefore

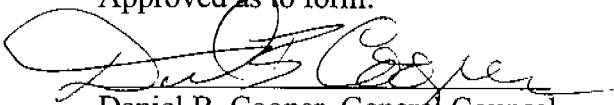
BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the Metro Council acknowledges that pesticide reporting must include meaningful, scientifically-based data on urban use.
2. The Metro Council supports regulations requiring a comprehensive, state-wide reporting of the sales and/or use of pesticides. As watersheds are geographical in nature, involving the rural and urban environment, any regulations must also be comprehensive by including the urban as well as the rural users of pesticides

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 27 day of May, 1999.


Rod Monroe, Presiding Officer

Approved as to form:


Daniel B. Cooper, General Counsel

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GROWTH MAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO.99-2794A, FOR THE PURPOSE OF URGING BALANCE IN THE REGULATION OF PESTICIDE USE IN AN URBAN AREA.

Date: May 26, 1999

Presented by: Councilor Park

Committee Action: At its May 26, 1999 meeting, the Growth Management Committee voted 3-0 to recommend Council adoption of Resolution No. 99-2794A. Voting in favor: Councilors Bragdon, Park and McLain.

Council Issues/Discussion: Councilor Park introduced Resolution No. 99-2794. Legislation pending in the state legislature proposes to institute pesticide reporting regulations. Many parties, including the Governor, are interested in seeing this legislation pass if it is comprehensive in terms of statewide application, and produces scientifically meaningful data. Councilor Park introduced two exhibits, one from the Governor, and one from the State Board of Agriculture, both calling for the same approach. Resolution No. 99-2794A also supports that position by calling for pesticide reporting in all areas of the state, including urban areas.

Both Councilors Bragdon and Atherton said they support an approach to this issue that emphasizes the concept of "comprehensive" rather than "balance." "Balance" in this context suggests a partial solution fashioned from opposing points of view.

"Comprehensive" implies the seeking of a more inclusive approach, more likely to produce meaningful outcomes. Therefore, the word "comprehensive" was substituted for "balanced" in the resolution section of Resolution 99-2794A, by friendly amendment.

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STAFF REPORT

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 99-2794, FOR THE PURPOSE OF URGING BALANCE IN THE REGULATION OF PESTICIDE USE IN AN URBAN AREA.

Date: May 21, 1999

Prepared by: Michael Morrissey

Proposed Action: Resolution 99-2794 states Council position relative to possible state legislation and/or a possible state-wide initiative petition requiring pesticide reporting.

Factual Background and Analysis: The use, extent and effects of pesticides in the state are becoming the subject of increasing attention. While requirements exist as to application and sales of pesticides (State Pesticide Control Act), especially in rural and farming areas, interest groups are exploring additional requirements for reporting pesticide use. The rationale for such reporting is tied to water quality and health concerns.

Reporting requirements, in draft copies of the "Pesticide Right to Know Act of 2000" and HB 3602, tend to underemphasize the need to gather information and produce data for pesticide use in urban areas of the state. Therefore, the distribution and effects of pesticides in urban areas, as they may effect human, animal and plant populations, could remain largely unknown. Metro's interest in this issue stems directly from its involvement in water quality, water supply, land use and parks policy and program. In addition, as Metro continues to seek regional solutions to ESA listings, knowledge of the urban distribution and effects of pesticide application could be part of a successful response package.