

## **RESOLUTION #08-3**

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL APPROVING AN INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM) POLICY AND REGULATIONS**

**WHEREAS**, in 2004 the City Council adopted the Albany Parks and Recreation Master Plan which contains the following goal: *“Develop a pest management policy that favors the use of organic or natural methods. Through a thorough and public process, consider the careful and limited use of chemicals of the least toxic nature”*; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to formalize its current informal practice to refrain from the use of pesticides, herbicides, fungicides, or similar products for purposes of pest control with regard to City property through adoption of an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) policy applicable to all City property and all City departments and contractors; and

**WHEREAS**, the purpose of an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) policy is to protect human health and the environment, and to establish a set of standard practices for design, maintenance, and operation of buildings and landscaping to minimize pest problems, address any pest problems by non-chemical methods, and to employ only the least-toxic chemical methods as a last resort and in the context of carefully integrated pest management planning to prevent the need for repeated use of chemical controls; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to ensure that its purchases and use of public resources are consistent with integrated pest management (IPM) policies and practices, that the City plays a leadership role in developing both ecologically sensitive and aesthetically pleasing landscapes and structures, and that the City models environmental stewardship in its buildings and grounds maintenance practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the City, in carrying out its operations, wishes to follow the Precautionary Principle that assumes that pesticides pose risks to human health and the environment, with special risks to children; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2006 the City Park and Recreation Commission established an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Task Force charged with the task of developing a pest management policy for consideration by the Commission and the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the IPM Task Force conducted publicly noticed meetings during 2006 and 2007, where the members reviewed policy documents and regulations of other jurisdictions, consulted with an IPM advisor and City Public Works staff, and considered research material on the subject; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 15, 2007 the IPM Task Force held a publicly noticed meeting where it approved a draft IPM Policy for review and approval by the Park and Recreation Commission, and ultimate review and approval by the City Council, that

focuses on long-term pest prevention to eliminate the use of pesticides to the maximum extent feasible with regard to City property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Park and Recreation Commission held a publicly noticed meeting and heard public testimony on the draft IPM Policy on November 15, 2007 and December 13, 2007; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed IPM Policy is categorically exempt from the requirements of California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) per Section 15308, “Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of the Environment” of the CEQA Guidelines, which exempts actions taken by regulatory agencies for protection of the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Albany City Council, on January 22, 2008, after due public notice, held a public meeting on the proposed amendment to Chapter XVII Public Health of the Albany Municipal Code regarding integrated pest management, and following said public meeting introduced the Ordinance for First Reading, and approved Resolution # 08-3 regarding an Integrated Pest Management Policy and Regulations.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Albany City Council hereby approves the Integrated Pest Management Policy and Regulations attached herein.

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Robert S. Lieber, Mayor