

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-22

A RESOLUTION of the City Council of Bainbridge Island, Washington, in support of a county-wide ban on the aerial spray of glyphosate; urging state officials to take action to ban the aerial spray of glyphosate; and stating the City's intent to pursue a ban on the general use and sale of glyphosate.

WHEREAS, Bainbridge Island is a City in Kitsap County; and

WHEREAS, thousands of acres of timberland in Kitsap County are owned and managed by Pope Resources, including several hundred acres surrounding the rural, agricultural, and residential communities in the neighboring "sister city" of Poulsbo; and

WHEREAS, it is a fairly common practice for Pope Resources, a land and timber corporation in the Pacific Northwest, to aerially apply glyphosate and other herbicides during reforestation of logged timberland; and

WHEREAS, Pope Resources currently practices the aerial spray of glyphosate on logged timberland in other counties, including Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, timberland owned and managed by Pope Resources in North Kitsap County include the following locations: "Opsada" property, 467 acres located between Kingston/Poulsbo/Suquamish; "Hanging Beaver," 331 acres located between Hansville and Little Boston; and several hundred acres located around the intersection of Bond Road and Stottlemeyer in Poulsbo; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bainbridge Island ended its use of glyphosate and other toxic chemicals on City property and in City operations, including those listed by the state of California (Prop 65 list) or the National Toxicology Program as known or reasonably anticipated to be human carcinogen as of November 26, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the spraying of herbicides from small aircraft greatly increases the chance of chemicals being caught up by wind forces and spread beyond the scope of the intended area, resulting in chemical trespass, where toxic chemicals, including glyphosate, drift in the air and deposit themselves in creeks and streams, on farmlands, homes, and schools; and

WHEREAS, in the event that aerial spray occurs in North Kitsap County, Bainbridge Island may be vulnerable to off-target contamination of soils, wetlands, and streams.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council will publicly endorse a county-wide ban on the aerial spray of glyphosate and other chemicals listed on the State of California’s Prop 65 list as known to the State of California to cause cancer. This formal endorsement shall be submitted as a letter from the City Council to the Kitsap Environmental Coalition, Kitsap County Commissioners, Department of Natural Resources, and Pope Resources.

Section 2. The City of Bainbridge Island urges Senator Rolfes, Representatives Hansen and Appleton, and Commissioner of Public Lands Franz to use all available legislative and regulatory means to ban the aerial spray of glyphosate in Washington State.

Section 3. The City of Bainbridge Island, having banned the municipal use of glyphosate in 2003, hereby formally states its intent to pursue a city-wide ban on the general use and sale of glyphosate, citing recent court cases settled against Monsanto in the State of California and recent scientific studies that demonstrate the dangers of glyphosate and other toxic herbicides and pesticides to ecosystems, soil systems, water quality, and human health.

PASSED by the City Council this ____ day of _____, 2019.

APPROVED by the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2019.

By: _____
Kol Medina, Mayor

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATE:

By: _____
Christine Brown, CMC, City Clerk

FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK: June 18, 2019
PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL:
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