

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. 76254 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____



RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LIMITED EXEMPTION TO THE INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT POLICY TO USE HERBICIDES ON LANDSCAPED STREET MEDIANS

WHEREAS, in 1997 City Council approved the implementation of a comprehensive Integrated Pest Management (IPM) policy and passed Resolution No. 73968 C.M.S. that prohibited the use of pesticides on City property except as specifically exempted; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Parks and Recreation maintains landscaping in parks, open space, and landscaped street medians; and

WHEREAS, landscaped street medians are typically designed as long and narrow landscaped areas with minimal public use; and

WHEREAS, landscaped street medians are potentially dangerous places for employees performing landscape maintenance work due to erratic and speeding drivers; and

WHEREAS, the closure of certain traffic lanes in order to allow City employees to perform landscape maintenance safely and efficiently causes traffic delays and congestion along major streets; and

WHEREAS, the disadvantages of using gasoline powered string mowers to cut down weeds on street medians outweighs the advantages; and

WHEREAS, the manual removal of weeds is a time consuming and costly method of controlling weed growth that diverts staff resources away from park maintenance activities that are a direct service to the public; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby grants a limited exemption to the Integrated Pest Management policy by allowing limited herbicide use on landscaped street medians to control weeds and undesirable plants; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Office of the City Attorney has approved this resolution as to form and legality, and a copy will be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA JAN 30 2001, 19

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BRUNNER, CHANG, ~~MILBY~~, NADEL, REID, SPEES, WAN AND
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE 6

NOES- None

ABSENT- Chang (Absent) - 1

ABSTENTION- None

ATTEST:



CEDA FLOYD
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California