

1 [Revised Reduced-Risk Pesticides List for 2018]

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3 **Resolution Adopting a Revised Reduced-Risk Pesticides List (“RRPL”).**

4 WHEREAS, Chapter 3, Section 303(e) of the San Francisco Environment
5 Code allows the Commission on the Environment to exempt “reduced-risk”
6 pesticide products from the pesticide ban imposed by the IPM Ordinance upon a
7 finding that the “reduced-risk” pesticide is commonly used as part of an Integrated
8 Pest Management (IPM) strategy; and,

9 WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment annually performs an
10 extensive evaluation of pesticide products that may qualify as “reduced-risk”
11 pesticides in consultation with members of the public, scientists, and departments
12 and agencies of the City and County of San Francisco; and,

13 WHEREAS, Members of the public continue to express concern over the
14 use of certain herbicides on City properties; and,

15 WHEREAS, Data on the hazards of the most commonly used herbicide
16 ingredient, glyphosate, has strengthened the Department’s focus on identifying the
17 safest alternatives for weed control; and,

18 WHEREAS, On March 22, 2016 the Commission on the Environment
19 approved the RRPL 2016, which included a new set of restrictions on certain
20 herbicides used on City properties (“herbicide restrictions”) aimed at further
21 reducing the use of these products; and,

1 WHEREAS, On March 28, 2017 the Commission on the Environment
2 approved the RRPL 2017, which included additional herbicide restrictions; and,

3 WHEREAS, City departments involved with the citywide Integrated Pest
4 Management (IPM) Program have substantially reduced the use of certain
5 herbicides as a direct result of the herbicide restrictions; and,

6 WHEREAS, These City departments have also hired new staff, undertaken
7 numerous pilot studies, and organized staff trainings all aimed at pursuing the
8 safest weed control practices; and,

9 WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment continues to work closely
10 with other City departments to strengthen the implementation of the herbicide
11 restrictions; and,

12 WHEREAS, The Commission on the Environment is strongly committed to
13 the community's right to know about potential hazards, as articulated in the
14 Precautionary Principle Ordinance; and,

15 WHEREAS, The Commission on the Environment is strongly committed to
16 promoting pest management practices that are the safest available for City
17 workers, the environment, and the general public; and,

18 WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment has worked with other City
19 departments to further improve and clarify the language in the herbicide restriction;
20 and,

1 WHEREAS, The Commission on the Environment’s Policy Committee has
2 discussed and heard public testimony at three meetings since March 2017 on
3 efforts to further reduce the use of pesticides on city property; and,

4 WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment has developed and
5 recommends the attached RRPL 2018, for adoption by the Commission; now
6 therefore be it,

7 RESOLVED, That the Commission on the Environment finds that the
8 pesticide products on the RRPL 2018 are “reduced-risk” pesticides commonly
9 used as part of an IPM strategy, and are therefore exempt from the ban imposed
10 by Section 302 of the Environment Code; and be it

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission on the Environment
12 requests that the Department of the Environment continue to explore with other
13 City departments opportunities for no-pesticide or no-herbicide alternatives on
14 public properties, and periodically report on its progress to the Policy Committee;

15 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Commission on the
16 Environment at its meeting on September 25, 2018.

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18 Anthony Valdez, Commission Secretary

19 Vote:

20 Ayes:

21 Noes:

22 Absent: