

1 [Revised Reduced-Risk Pesticides List for 2017]

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3 **Resolution Adopting a Reduced-Risk Pesticides List (“RRPL”) For 2017.**

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 Integrated Pest
7 Management (IPM) Ordinance upon a finding that the “reduced-risk” pesticide is
8 commonly used as part of an 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, On March 22, 2016 the Commission on the Environment
14 approved the RRPL 2016, which includes a new set of restrictions on certain
15 herbicides used on City properties (“herbicide restrictions”) aimed at further
16 reducing the use of these products; and,

17 WHEREAS, City departments involved with the citywide Integrated Pest
18 Management Program have substantially reduced the use of certain herbicides as
19 a direct result of the new herbicide restrictions; and,

20 WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment continues to work closely
21 with other City departments to strengthen the implementation of the herbicide
22 restrictions; and,

1 WHEREAS, Members of the public have expressed a strong desire for
2 additional advance notification of any herbicide use planned for publicly accessible
3 areas; and,

4 WHEREAS, New data on the hazards of the most commonly used herbicide
5 ingredient, glyphosate, has amplified the need for additional advance public
6 notification; and,

7 WHEREAS, The Commission on the Environment is strongly committed to
8 the community’s right to know about potential hazards, as articulated in the
9 Precautionary Principle Ordinance, and seeks to maximize the ability of city
10 residents to avoid unwanted exposure to hazardous chemicals; and,

11 WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment has worked with other City
12 departments to further improve and clarify the language in the herbicide restrictions
13 as part of RRPL 2017; and,

14 WHEREAS, The Commission on the Environment’s Policy Committee has
15 discussed and heard public testimony at 5 meetings since March 2016 on efforts
16 to further reduce the use of pesticides on city property; and,

17 WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment has reviewed over 155
18 pages of public testimony submitted to the Commission; and,

19 WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment has strengthened and
20 made significant improvements for public notification, and protection, based on
21 public testimony, commissioner comments and suggestions, and recommends the

1 attached RRPL 2017, for adoption by the Commission for the year 2017; now
2 therefore be it,

3 RESOLVED, That the Commission on the Environment finds that the
4 pesticide products on the RRPL 2017 are “reduced-risk” pesticides commonly
5 used as part of an IPM strategy, and are therefore exempt from the ban imposed
6 by Section 302 of the Environment Code; and be it

7 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Commission on the Environment
8 requests that the Department of the Environment further explore best practices
9 from other cities and work with other city departments to develop additional
10 advance public notification, including, but not limited to, electronic notification tools,
11 improved signage and flags, and periodically report on its progress to the
12 Commission on the Environment Policy Committee.

13 I hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted by the Commission on the
14 Environment at its meeting on March 28, 2017.

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18 Anthony Valdez, Commission Secretary

19 Vote:

20 Ayes:

21 Noes:

22 Absent: