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PETITION TO THE TOWN COUNCIL



To the Honorable Town Council of the Town of Bristol: The undersigned hereby respectfully requested of your Honorable Body that:

Protect Town of Bristol public waters and improve public health

Why?

Despite the many improvements that have been implemented to public waters in our town, synthetic pesticides, insecticides, and fertilizer use carried out within Bristol have degradation and continue to degrade Bristol's public waters and negatively affect public health in general. These products cause and their chemicals run off into our waterways, worsening water quality, increasing ocean acidification, creating algae blooms, and damaging marine life – which also impacts local fisheries and marine businesses. In addition, pesticides and fertilizers have proven negative on families and other living things. Children are especially vulnerable to chemical exposure from lawn products when they play outside. Pesticides and herbicides are also linked to sickness in dogs. Transitioning to organic lawn and landscape care will help improve the health of our waterways, our community and make our environment more resilient.

How?

Enact an ordinance to conserve resources and protect our environment by regulating outdoor application of synthetic pesticides, insecticides, and fertilizers (nitrogen and phosphorus-based). This includes weed killers containing glyphosate, fertilizer/pesticide combinations (weed and feed), and insecticides that contain imidacloprid, which can cause great harm to pollinating insects. In general, only products labeled "OMRI certified" or "acceptable for organic use" should be permitted for use in order to reduce these harmful chemicals from entering the public waters and affecting public health.

This ordinance would be an important step forward for the Town of Bristol, and The Bristol Town Council is urged to create and enforce an ordinance to help safeguard our public waterways, the environment and public health.

Ordinance Framework:

- The application of synthetic pesticides, insecticides, and fertilizers, including weed killers containing glyphosate, fertilizer/pesticide combinations (weed and feed), and insecticides that contain imidacloprid is prohibited within 100 feet of public waters resource areas.
- No person shall apply synthetic pesticides, insecticides, and fertilizers, including weed killers containing glyphosate, fertilizer/pesticide combinations (weed and feed), and insecticides that contain imidacloprid within 24 hours before or during a rain event forecasted by the National Weather Service to result in more than 0.5 inch of precipitation in a twenty-four-hour period.
- No person shall cause synthetic pesticides, insecticides, and fertilizers, including weed killers containing glyphosate, fertilizer/pesticide combinations (weed and feed), and insecticides that contain imidacloprid to be applied to, or otherwise be deposited on any impervious surface. Any controlled nutrients applied, spilled, and/or deposited on any impervious surface, either intentionally or accidentally, must be immediately and completely removed and contained and either legally applied to turf or any other legal site or returned to an appropriate container.

PLEASE NOTE:

Please ensure that your petition is submitted by 4:00 PM, two (2) Wednesdays before the Town Council meeting scheduled for

in order to be included on the docket. According to Council policy, petitions cannot be addressed unless recommendations, if needed, from the relevant departments are received before the Council meeting

SIGNATURE: _____

George Voutes

NAME: _____

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ADDRESS: _____

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Steven Contente
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: Melissa Cordeiro
COUNCIL CLERK

DATE: December 19, 2024

RE: George Voutes, 17 Shore Road re enacting an ordinance to conserve resources by regulating outdoor application of synthetic pesticides, insecticides, and fertilizers

May we please have your recommendation or the recommendation of the department head you deem appropriate in order for the Council to review the request at the Town Council Meeting to be held on **January 15, 2025**.

All items for this docket must be received in the Clerk's office by Wednesday, January 6, 2025. All and any items received after the deadline will be held until the next council agenda.

Thank you for your cooperation and prompt reply.

Attachments