

RESOLUTION NO. 2019- 2646

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA DIRECTING THE TOWN MANAGER TO TAKE ANY AND ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO BAN THE USE OF HERBICIDES CONTAINING GLYPHOSATE BY THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE (“TOWN”) AND TOWN CONTRACTORS IN THE PERFORMANCE OF LANDSCAPING AND MAINTENANCE WORK ON ALL TOWN-OWNED PROPERTIES AND FACILITIES; FURTHER DIRECTING THE TOWN CLERK TO TRANSMIT A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION AS STATED HEREIN; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, glyphosate is a herbicide that is applied to the leaves of plants to kill both broadleaf plants and grasses; and

WHEREAS, while the United States Environmental Protection Agency considers glyphosate “not likely to be carcinogenic to humans,” the International Agency for Research on Cancer has classified glyphosate as “probably carcinogenic to humans”; and

WHEREAS, numerous lawsuits have been filed in state and federal courts across the country alleging that exposure to herbicide products containing glyphosate is associated with increased incidents of cancer; and

WHEREAS, researchers at Bowling Green State University studying the impact of glyphosate on the water quality in Lake Erie have discovered a potential link between glyphosate and harmful blue-green algal blooms, which has a significant negative impact on water quality, marine life and human health; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, Biscayne Bay has experienced a proliferation of blue-green algal blooms, which has a significant negative impact on water quality, marine life, and human health; and

WHEREAS, runoff from the use of herbicides containing glyphosate may be contributing to the growth of blue-green algae in Biscayne Bay; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission has determined that it is in the best interest of the public health, safety, recreation and general welfare of the residents of the Town of Surfside to adopt this Resolution formally banning the use of herbicides containing glyphosate in all Town-owned properties and facilities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE, FLORIDA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals. That the above and foregoing recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated by reference.

Section 2. Approval and Authorization. The Town Commission directs the Town Manager to take any and all actions necessary to ban the use of pesticides containing glyphosate by the Town and Town contractors in the performance of landscaping and maintenance work in all Town-owned properties and facilities.

Section 3. Transmission. The Town Commission further directs the Town Clerk to transmit of a copy of this Resolution to the Florida Department of Agriculture, the Florida League of Cities, the Miami-Dade League of Cities, the Board of County Commissioners of Miami-Dade County, and all municipalities in Miami-Dade County.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution will become effective upon adoption.


PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of November, 2019.

Motion by Commissioner Paul

Second by Vice Mayor Gielchinsky.

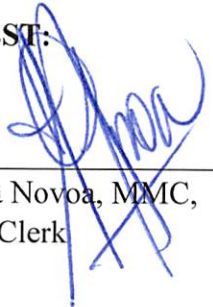
FINAL VOTE ON ADOPTION

Commissioner Barry Cohen	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Michael Karukin	<u>Yes</u>
Commissioner Tina Paul	<u>Yes</u>
Vice Mayor Daniel Gielchinsky	<u>Yes</u>
Mayor Daniel Dietch	<u>Yes</u>



Daniel Dietch, Mayor

ATTEST:



Sandra Novoa, MMC,
Town Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
LEGAL SUFFICIENCY FOR THE TOWN OF SURFSIDE ONLY:**



Weiss Serota Helfman Cole & Bierman, P.L.
Town Attorney