

RESOLUTION NO. 25-12

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA
IN OPPOSITION OF THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF RAT AND MOUSE POISONS
DEEMED AN UNREASONABLE RISK TO CHILDREN, PETS AND WILDLIFE**

WHEREAS, In 1998 the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) issued its Registration Eligibility Decisions (REDs) for rodenticides, and expressed concern about accidental human exposures to rodenticides as well as risks to wildlife; and

WHEREAS, In September 2004, the US EPA released its Revised Comparative Ecological Assessment for Nine Rodenticides, which found more than 300 documented wildlife incidents of exposure of birds and nontarget mammals, including endangered species, to rodenticides, in particular those rodenticides that contain the ingredient brodifacoum; and

WHEREAS, Brodifacoum residue has been detected in liver tissue of 27 of 32 endangered kit foxes screened for rodenticide residues from 1999 to 2003; and

WHEREAS, the American Association of Poison Control Centers annually receives between 12,000 and 15, 000 reports of children under the age of six being exposed to these types of products; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, the US EPA issued its Final Risk Mitigation Decision of Ten Rodenticides, and gave producers until June 2011 to research, develop and register new products that would be safer for children, pets and wildlife; and

WHEREAS, several companies have recently advised US EPA that they do not intend to adopt the new safety measures stipulated in the Final Risk Mitigation Decision, these companies include Reckitt Benckiser Inc. (makers of D-Con, Fleeject, and Mimas rodent control products), Spectrum Group (makers of Hot Shot rodent control products), and Liphatech Inc. (makers of Generation, Maki, and Rozol rodent control products); and

WHEREAS, as a result of the above companies' actions many of the products that the US EPA considers to pose an unacceptable risk to children, pets and wildlife are still being sold to Richmond residents; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond hereby urges Richmond businesses to stop the sale of rat and mouse poisons that would be prohibited under the US EPA's Risk Mitigation Decisions for Ten Rodenticides.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond urges Richmond residents to avoid buying the above products, and to use less-toxic rodent control methods.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond urges that all manufacturers of rat and mouse poisons immediately stop the manufacture and sale of rat and mouse poisons that do not incorporate the safety measures specified in the US EPA's Risk Mitigation Decisions for Ten Rodenticides.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond urges the California Department of Pesticide Regulation to cancel or refuse to renew registration of the above products.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting thereof held on February 21, 2012, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Bates, Beckles, Booze, Butt, Ritterman, Vice Mayor Rogers, and Mayor McLaughlin.

NOES: None.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

DIANE HOLMES
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND
(SEAL)

Approved:

GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN
Mayor

Approved as to form:

RANDY RIDDLE
City Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa } : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution No. 25-12, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on February 21, 2012.