



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 20-00100

City Council

2/27/2020

DISCUSSION ITEM

FROM: City Council Member Sherri Myers

SUBJECT:

IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 2019-60 - USE OF PESTICIDES AND HERBICIDES IN PARKS AND ON ATHLETIC FIELDS, NOTICE AND POSTING ON THE CITY WEBSITE. REQUEST VS. REQUIREMENT.

SUMMARY:

On October 24, 2019 City Council adopted Resolution No. 2019-60:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA REQUESTING THE MAYOR DIRECT HIS STAFF TO PROVIDE PUBLIC NOTICE TWO (2) DAYS PRIOR TO THE APPLICATION OF PESTICIDES AND HERBICIDES TO PARKS AND RECREATIONAL OUTDOOR FACILITIES; THAT THE NOTICE BE POSTED IN A CONSPICUOUS LOCATION AND INCLUDE A TELEPHONE NUMBER AND LINK TO THE WEBSITE WHERE THE CHEMICALS ARE LISTED; AND THAT THE NAME OF THE PRODUCT AND LINK TO THE MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET BE PLACED ON THE PARKS AND RECREATION WEBPAGE.

Recently there was spraying of some type done in one of the City parks; while small signs were placed within the park, there is a question as to the "conspicuousness" of the locations. It did not appear that there was any information regarding a link to the website where the chemicals and/or their data sheets were listed on the small signs.

Upon contact with City staff, it was learned that the information was not posted on the Parks and Recreation website with the name of the product and link to the material safety data sheet as requested by City Council. The response given when asked if the information was posted on the Parks and Recreation webpage was, "No. This is a contractor alerting the general public at that location that these chemicals have been applied. It is part of their contract to spray this time of the year."

This item gives the City Council the opportunity to discuss a "request" vs. a "requirement."

PRIOR ACTION:

October 24, 2019 - City Council adopted Resolution No. 2019-60

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Resolution No. 2019-60
- 2) Bryan Park Spraying notice (1)
- 3) Bryan Park Spraying notice (2)

PRESENTATION: No