



**COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 5240**

**A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING EUGENE AS A BEE CITY  
USA AFFILIATE**

**PASSED: 8:0**

**REJECTED:**

**OPPOSED:**

**ABSENT:**

**CONSIDERED: July 23, 2018**



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### A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE CITY OF EUGENE A BEE CITY USA® AFFILIATE.

#### The City Council of the City of Eugene finds that:

A. The mission of BEE CITY USA® is to galvanize communities to sustain pollinators responsible for the reproduction of 90% of the world's wild plant species, by providing them with healthy habitat rich in a variety of native plants and free, or nearly free, of pesticides.

B. Due in part to the tremendous diversity of wild native bees, along with the honey bees that were brought to the United States from Europe in the 1600s, we have very diverse dietary choices rich in fruits, nuts, vegetables and even dairy products. One in every three bites of food we eat is courtesy of insect pollination.

C. Bees and other pollinators have experienced population declines due to a combination of habitat loss, widespread use of pesticides, and the spread of invasive species and diseases.

D. Pollinator-friendly communities can benefit local and regional economies through healthier ecosystems, increased vegetable and fruit crop yields, and increased demand for pollinator friendly plant materials from local nurseries and growers

E. An ideal pollinator-friendly habitat:

- (1) Provides diverse and abundant nectar and pollen from plants blooming in succession throughout the growing season;
- (2) Provides water for drinking, nest-building, cooling, diluting stored honey, and butterfly puddling;
- (3) Provides spaces (leaf and brush piles, un-mowed fields or field margins, bare ground, fallen trees and other dead wood) for nesting and overwintering for wild pollinators;
- (4) Is pesticide-free or has minimal and least toxic but effective pesticide use carried out with least ill effects on pollinators;
- (5) Is comprised of mostly, if not all, native species of annual and perennial forbs, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees in landscapes because many wild pollinators prefer or depend on the native plants with which they co-adapted;
- (6) Includes, where possible, designated pollinator and/or pesticide-free zones in public spaces with signage to educate the public and build awareness; and,
- (7) Provides for safe and humane removal of honey or native bees when required and possible.

**F.** Supporting pollinators fosters environmental awareness and sustainability, and increases interactions among community stewards, backyard beekeepers, farmers, children, educators, Master Gardeners, local businesses, faith-based organizations, and nature-related organizations.

**G.** In order to enhance understanding among local government staff and the public about the vital role that pollinators play and what each of us can do to sustain them, the Eugene City Council supports and encourages pollinator habitat creation and enhancement on both public and private land.

**H.** The City of Eugene should be certified a BEE CITY USA community because:

- (1) Eugene has banned neonicotinoid use on city property;
- (2) Eugene invests in the creation, restoration and management of native pollinator habitat;
- (3) Eugene has an Integrated Pest Management plan that includes non-chemical techniques and reduces pesticide use on City property with least toxic and most effective techniques; and
- (4) Eugene maintains pesticide-free parks and strives to create additional pesticide-free parks.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EUGENE, a Municipal Corporation of the State of Oregon, as follows:**

**Section 1.** The City Council directs the City Manager to pursue the designation of the City of Eugene as a BEE CITY USA community, with the Eugene Parks and Open Space Division serving as a BEE CITY USA sponsor.

**Section 2.** In furtherance of establishing the City of Eugene as a Bee City USA and for as long as Eugene remains a Bee City USA, the City Council directs the City Manager to continue providing a city staff liaison to the Eugene Pollinator Protection Committee to support that Committee's facilitation of the following:

- (a) **Celebration:** Annually celebrate National Pollinator Week (third full week of June) or some other appropriate occasion with educational events, pollinator habitat plantings or restoration, proclamations or promotions that showcase Eugene's commitment to enhancing pollinator health and habitat.
- (b) **Publicity & Information:** Install and maintain at least one authorized BEE CITY USA street sign in a prominent location, and create and maintain a webpage which includes, at minimum, a copy of this resolution, links to the national BEE CITY USA website, contact information for the local government's BEE CITY USA liaison, contact information for the Eugene Pollinator Protection

Committee, and reports of the pollinator-friendly activities the community has accomplished the previous year(s).

- (c) Habitat: Create, enhance and maintain pollinator-friendly habitats, which can include, but are not limited to:
  - (1) Identification and inventory of City of Eugene real property that can be enhanced with pollinator-friendly plantings or restorations.
  - (2) Creation of a recommended locally native species list to include forbs, grasses, vines, shrubs, and trees and a list of local suppliers for those species.
  - (3) Maintenance of a number of pesticide-free parks and a program to create additional pesticide-free parks by working with neighborhood adoption groups.
  - (4) Dissemination of informational and educational materials to the public.
  - (5) Tracking annual pollinator habitat created, enhanced or maintained.
- (d) Policy: Comply with the City of Eugene Ordinance that requires an Integrated Pest Management Plan and ban on the use of neonicotinoids.
- (e) Renewal: Assist the City of Eugene, after completing the first full year as a BEE CITY USA affiliate, each January to apply for renewal of Eugene's BEE CITY USA designation.

**Section 5.** This Resolution is effective immediately upon its passage by the City Council.

**The foregoing Resolution adopted the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 2018.**

  
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City Recorder