

RESOLUTION NO. 126-08

TOWNSHIP OF VOORHEES PESTICIDE REDUCTION POLICY

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Voorhees to promote matters which benefit the health, welfare, comfort and safety of the citizens of the community, and

WHEREAS, scientific studies associate exposure to pesticides with asthma, cancer, developmental and learning disabilities, nerve and immune system damage, liver or kidney damage, reproductive impairment, birth defects and disruption of the endocrine system, and

WHEREAS, infants, children, pregnant women, the elderly and people with compromised immune systems and chemical sensitivities/intolerances are especially vulnerable to pesticide effects and exposure, and

WHEREAS, lawn pesticides are harmful to pets, wildlife, soil microbiology, plants, and natural ecosystems and can run off into streams, lakes and drinking water sources, and,

WHEREAS, Integrated Pest Management is the coordinated use of pest and environmental information and all available pest control methods (sanitation, mechanical, biological and “least toxic” chemical) to prevent unacceptable levels of pest damage by the most economical means with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment, and

WHEREAS, Integrated Pest Management has been investigated and considered by the Environmental Commission and is recommended by the Environmental Commission and by the state of New Jersey and the Environmental Protection Agency as a desirable and appropriate policy in order to reduce or eliminate the use of pesticides, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Voorhees does maintain public properties at which pest management issues are an ongoing concern, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Voorhees has determined that it is in the best interest of the health, welfare, comfort and safety of the Township’s citizens to adopt Integrated Pest Management as the Township’s pest management policy,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Committee of the Township of Voorhees that the Township does hereby adopt Integrated Pest Management, as the pest control policy and strategy to be employed in the maintenance of the Township’s public properties and facilities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and the Township of Voorhees will encourage all citizens to make every effort to participate in this endeavor on their own property, and that the Township will designate public properties such as community parks as “Pesticide Free Zones”. These areas will be posted with a sign indicating that conventional chemical pesticides have not been applied at the site.

DATED: April 28, 2008

MOVED: MR. LOVALLO

AYES: ALL

SECONDED: MR. MAZUREK

NAYS: NONE

APPROVED BY: Michael R. Mignogna, Mayor

I, Jeanette Schelberg, RMC, Clerk of the Township of Voorhees hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Township Committee at their meeting held Monday, April 28, 2008 in the Municipal Building, 620 Berlin Road, Voorhees, NJ.

Jeanette Schelberg, RMC