

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING  
AN ORGANICALLY MANAGED LANDS PROGRAM  
FOR THE CITY OF DURANGO**

**Whereas**, the City Council of the City of Durango believes that it is in the public interest that an Organically Managed Lands Program be established within the City of Durango; and

**Whereas**, the appropriate method to achieve the successful implementation of an Organically Managed Lands Program is to obtain the advice of expert consultants; and

**Whereas**, ongoing training and public education with the assistance of expert consultants is critical to achieving public support and success for the transition from conventional chemical methods to an organically managed program for City lands.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City Council of Durango, Colorado, in a regular meeting assembled that:

1. There is hereby established a City of Durango Organically Managed Lands Program.
2. The goal of the City of Durango Organically Managed Lands Program is to extend organic management practices to all City lands and to minimize the use of synthetic fertilizers and pesticides on such lands, while maintaining City facilities at a quality consistent with City standards and the expectations of the public users of such facilities.
3. Implementation of the City of Durango Organically Managed Lands Program is to commence with a phased conversion to organic management of the irrigated turf within Durango's parks, which shall be determined with the assistance and advice of the expert consultant(s) engaged by the City.
4. It is the goal of the City of Durango Organically Managed Lands Program that the conversion of the management of all City irrigated parks from conventional chemical methods to organic methods be accomplished in an efficient and timely manner, based upon recommendations of the City's expert consultant(s) and giving due regard to the degree of success achieved in parks where the conversion to organic methods has already occurred.

5. The City will seek the advice of expert consultants regarding organic methods of effective mosquito control for City lands and methods by which organic land management practices may be successfully extended to City lands. Feasible and cost-effective recommendations within these areas will be implemented in an efficient and timely manner through a phased approach similar to the approach to be utilized with respect to the City's irrigated parks. Expanded utilization of such recommended methods and practices will be dependent upon the degree of success achieved in areas where such methods and practices have been previously applied.

6. The City acknowledges that a reasonable time frame, as established by expert consultants, must be allowed to build healthy soils to measure the success of the transition from conventional chemical methods to organic methods.

7. It is imperative to the success of the City of Durango Organically Managed Lands Program for the City to continue to obtain periodic training of City Staff and local contractors from expert consultants hired by the City, regarding current organic management practices, and to obtain review by expert consultants of the condition of all of the City's organically managed lands on an ongoing basis.

8. The advice of expert consultants will be utilized to formulate, organize and implement educational activities to inform and educate the public, City employees and City contractors regarding the City of Durango Organically Managed Lands Program.

Approved and adopted this 4<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012

CITY OF DURANGO COLORADO

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk