

**CITY OF SHOREWOOD**

**RESOLUTION NO. 14-066**

**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING "BEE-SAFE" POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

**WHEREAS**, the Shorewood City Council and Park Commission have undertaken several work sessions dedicated to the study and understanding of promoting a healthy natural environment through the reduction and elimination of harmful pesticides; and

**WHEREAS**, bees and other pollinators are integral to a wide diversity of essential foods including fruit, nuts, and vegetables; and

**WHEREAS**, native bees and honey bees are threatened due to habitat loss, pesticide use, pathogens and parasites; and

**WHEREAS**, recent research suggests that there is a link between pesticides that contain neonicotinoids and the die-off of plant pollinators, including honey bees, native bees, butterflies, moths, and other insects; and

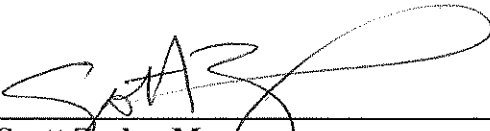
**WHEREAS**, neonicotinoids are synthetic chemical insecticides that are similar in structure and action to nicotine, a naturally occurring plant compound; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds it is in the public interest and consistent with adopted City policy for the City to demonstrate its commitment to a safe and healthy community environment through the implementation of pest management practices in the maintenance of the city parks, open spaces and city property.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Shorewood:

1. The City shall undertake its best efforts to become a Bee-Safe City by undertaking best management practices in the use of plantings and pesticides in all public places within the City.
2. The City shall refrain from the use of systemic pesticides on Shorewood City property including pesticides from the neonicotinoid family.
3. The City shall undertake its best efforts to plant flowers favorable to bees and other pollinators in the City's public spaces.
4. The City shall designate Bee-Safe areas in which future City plantings are free from systemic pesticides including neonicotinoids.
5. The City shall undertake best efforts to communicate to Shorewood residents the importance of creating and maintaining a pollinator-friendly habitat.
6. The City shall publish a Bee-Safe City Progress Report on an annual basis.

**ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHOREWOOD** this 28th day of July, 2014.

  
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Scott Zerby, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Jean Panchyshyn, City Clerk