

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILPITAS BANNING THE PURCHASE OF BOTTLED WATER FOR CITY FUNCTIONS AND FOR RESALE TO THE PUBLIC

WHEREAS, water is a basic and essential need for all living creatures; and

WHEREAS, the City of Milpitas obtains high quality drinking water from the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission and the Santa Clara Valley Water District; and

WHEREAS, the City constantly tests its municipal tap water to ensure it meets all State and Federal drinking water standards and provides all testing results to the public in annual Consumer Confidence Reports; and

WHEREAS, for the purpose of this resolution, bottled water is defined as drinking water commercially packaged and sold as a single serving in a disposable plastic bottle; and

WHEREAS, producing and transporting disposable plastic bottles filled with water uses large amounts of petroleum fuel and emits products of combustion such as carbon dioxide into the air; and

WHEREAS, plastic bottles are one of the fastest growing sources of municipal solid waste; and

WHEREAS, ounce per ounce, bottled water is over 500 times more expensive than municipal tap water; and

WHEREAS, the City of Milpitas desires to demonstrate by example that its municipal tap water is a safe, environmentally superior, and an economical alternative to bottled water; and

WHEREAS, the City of Milpitas desires to allow limited purchase and storage of single-serving bottles for use in the event of a natural disaster or other such emergency and for distribution to those without access to municipal water such as field personnel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Milpitas that:

1. The City shall not purchase bottled water for use at City functions.
2. The City shall not purchase bottled water for resale to the public.
3. Excluded from this restriction is the limited purchase and storage of bottled water to be used in the event of emergency and for distribution to people working in locations that do not have ready access to municipal water.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____ 2008, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Mary Lavelle, City Clerk

Jose S. Esteves, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael Ogaz, City Attorney