

**RESOLUTION 5775**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEBASTOPOL ESTABLISHING POLICY WITH RESPECT TO A BAN ON THE USE OF CITY FUNDS TO PURCHASE BOTTLED WATER FOR USE IN CITY FACILITIES OR AT CITY SPONSORED EVENTS.**

**WHEREAS**, tap water is a local commodity that needs no packaging and is available in every City indoor facility; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Sebastopol provides drinking water that meets or exceeds standards for drinking water quality; and

**WHEREAS**, the environmental impact of the bottled water industry is profound. According to research, the production of bottled water for U.S. consumption in 2006 required the equivalent of more than 17 million barrels of oil. This released over 2.5 million tons of carbon dioxide, a major global warming gas. Furthermore, transporting bottled water involves burning large amounts of fossil fuels; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Sonoma has adopted a Community Climate Action Plan in which the County, and all nine Cities within the County, intend to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions 25% below 1990 levels by 2015. Therefore, policies must be initiated that limit the most significant contributors to climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, Sonoma County businesses produce and sell reusable containers that can be filled with tap water, thus helping the environment, and reduce water use; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is exploring ways to reduce costs.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the City Council of the City of Sebastopol hereby find, determine and declare and order as follows:

Effective immediately, no City funds will be used by any City Department to purchase single serving bottles of water for use in any City facility or City sponsored events.

These restrictions shall not apply when the purchase of bottled water by the City is:

- For employees engaged in emergency response activities; or
- To protect public health and safety; or
- To meet ADA Title I/II requirements; or
- Due to the fact that potable water is not available; or
- For other legal or contractual reasons

The City of Sebastopol encourages the other eight Cities in Sonoma County to institute their own ban, and all citizens and businesses of Sonoma County to consider alternatives to the purchase of bottled water, and to those who do use bottled water to recycle those bottles.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2009.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by City of Sebastopol City Council following a roll call vote:

City of Sebastopol City Council:

Ayes: Councilmembers Robinson, Shaffer, Vice Mayor Kelley and Mayor Gurney

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Councilmember Wilson

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

  
MAYOR SARAH GLADE GURNEY

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

  
CITY CLERK MARY

GOURLEY

**Banning the Use of City Funds to Purchase Bottled Water in City Facilities or at City Sponsored Events**

- A. Purpose: The banning of bottled water will have significant positive environmental impacts including a reduction in the amount of oil necessary to fabricate the bottles, reductions in green house gas emissions through less oil production and less burning of fossil fuels from the transportation of bottled water as well as a reduction in litter and the amount of material that ends up in landfills when plastic water bottles are not recycled.
- B. Policy: The use of City funds is banned in the purchase of bottled water in City facilities or at City sponsored events except as provided below:

For employees engaged in emergency response activities; or  
To protect the public health and safety; or  
To meet ADA Title I/II requirements; or  
Due to the fact that potable water is not available; or  
For other legal or contractual reasons

Adopted by the City Council on November 3, 2009, by Resolution Number 5775.

VOTE:

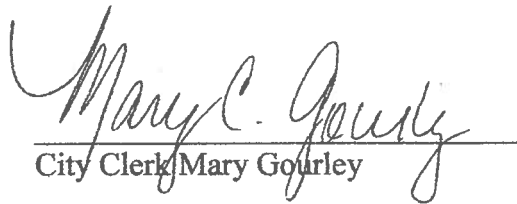
Ayes: Councilmembers Robinson, Shaffer, Vice Mayor Kelley and Mayor Gurney

Noes: None

Absent: Councilmember Wilson

Abstain: None

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk Mary Gourley

  
Mayor Sarah Glade Gurney