

A Resolution of the Sebastopol City Council for
Drive Less and Car-Free Day
April 2010

WHEREAS, high automotive traffic volume degrades air quality, and increases noise levels; and

WHEREAS, the vast majority of automotive vehicles burn petroleum, a non-renewable resource;
and

WHEREAS, 40% of all vehicle trips are two miles or less; and

WHEREAS, use of non-automotive transportation effectively increases Sebastopol's customer base by freeing parking for those who must use automotive transportation; and

WHEREAS, this resolution encourages the greater use of infrastructure described in the Sebastopol Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (Res# 5667) adopted May 6th, 2008; and

WHEREAS, this resolution encourages the promotion of Sebastopol as a cycling destination, bringing more customers to the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, the voluntary reduction of automobile driving would have a positive effect on our public health, environmental quality, economic well-being, and the quality of life in Sebastopol;
and

WHEREAS, this resolution supports Sebastopol Climate Action Plan Goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions to 25 percent below 1990 levels by 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sebastopol City Council supports the efforts of Car-Lite and other community groups encouraging residents to bike and walk when possible, plan trips carefully, carpool, rideshare, use public transit - in town and between towns; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Sebastopol City Council joins Car-Lite and other community groups in calling for a voluntary pledge from our residents to be car-free one or more days per month, for example, on Car-Free Day, the first Sunday of the month.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this day 20th day of April, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Shaffer, Kelley, Vice Mayor Wilson and Mayor Gurney

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Robinson


SARAH GLADE GURNEY, MAYOR

ATTEST:


MARY GOURLEY, CITY CLERK

