

RESOLUTION NO. 5222

RESOLUTION OF THE SEBASTOPOL CITY COUNCIL
PROMOTING THE USE OF BIODEGRADABLE MATERIALS
IN PLANTING OF CITY OWNED LANDSCAPING AREAS

WHEREAS, the Sebastopol City Council desires to preserve and enhance the quality of soil for the benefit of plant life and the subsequent beautification of City landscaped areas; and

WHEREAS, the use of biodegradable materials that will breakdown in a reasonable period of time provide nourishing amendments to build the quality of soil; and

WHEREAS, biodegradable material can assist new plant growth by providing a supportive environment for bacteria, micro-organisms and worms that are beneficial to soil enhancement; and

WHEREAS, the cost of materials and installation of biodegradable materials are often less expensive than standard commercial landscaping practices; and


WHEREAS, healthy topsoil will reduce the long-term maintenance costs of City landscaping.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sebastopol City Council hereby adopts the attached policy requiring the use of biodegradable materials in the planting and restoration of landscaping in City owned areas.

ADOPTED ON the 6th day of November, 2001.

APPROVED: 
MAYOR

AYES: Councilmembers Anderson, Litwin, Roventini, Spooner and Mayor Robinson
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST: 

Sebastopol City Council Policy #72
Use of Biodegradable Materials in City Owned Landscape Areas

It shall be the policy of the Sebastopol City Council to require the use of biodegradable materials in or on city owned landscaped areas with the following conditions:

1. All materials necessary for the irrigation of landscaped areas are permitted.
2. Structural improvements (e.g. concrete curbs, fence post anchors, retaining walls, etc) to landscaped areas may use non-biodegradable material when necessary.
3. Material that is intended to be temporary, will not biodegrade or harm the soil and is placed on top of the soil or mulch material (e.g. weed retardant cloth) is permitted.
4. Plastic ties for tree stakes are permitted.
5. All tree stakes currently in inventory may be used and future stakes shall not be constructed of pressure treated lumber.
6. All fertilizers and weedkillers shall be biodegradable.

This policy shall be in effect on November 6, 2001. Interpretation of the policy shall be the responsibility of the City Manager who shall periodically report on the need for any modifications to the policy to the City Council.

Adopted by City Council on November 6, 2001.