

State of Minnesota
County of Rice

CITY OF FARIBAULT

RESOLUTION 2017-262

**APPROVE POLICIES AND PRACTICES THAT PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN
VEGETATION ON CITY PROPERTY IN A FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE MANNER
THAT CONSIDERS THE HEALTH OF PEOPLE, PLANTS, AND POLLINATORS**

WHEREAS, major industries in the City of Faribault are dependent on Minnesota's agricultural economy and contribute to the success of Minnesota's agricultural economy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Faribault values its parks and open spaces, which contribute to Faribault's quality of life and to Faribault's tourism economy; and

WHEREAS, pollinators (including, but not limited to, bees and butterflies) are critical to the health of the plants that support our agricultural and tourism economies; and

WHEREAS, pollinators have been in decline in Minnesota and across the country due to a variety of pressures including habitat loss, pesticides, diseases, and parasites; and

WHEREAS, a Special Registration Review conducted by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture found sufficient scientific evidence that neonicotinoid pesticides present toxicity concerns for honey bees, native bees, and other pollinating insects; and

WHEREAS, the pollinator decline could threaten our nation's, state's, and local agricultural economy and the health of our environment; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota's Governor signed Executive Order 16-07, Directing Steps to Reverse Pollinator Decline and Restore Pollinator Health in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, roughly 30 Minnesota cities have recently adopted resolutions that endorse policies and practices to reverse pollinator decline and restore pollinator health in their cities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Faribault wishes to acknowledge and strengthen its current policies and practices as they relate to the health of pollinators, which in turn relate to the health of our economy and people.

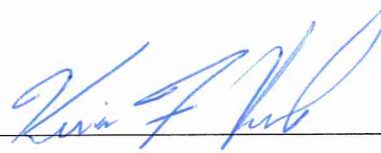
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARIBAULT, MINNESOTA AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City of Faribault shall continue its efforts to provide and maintain vegetation on City property in a fiscally responsible manner that considers the health of people, plants, and pollinators.
2. The City of Faribault shall continue to provide pertinent City Staff with current integrated pest management training. Where the City deems it necessary to use pesticides, the City will direct its staff and contractors to use pesticides in a manner that minimizes potential adverse impacts on people and pollinators.
3. Where practicable on City property, the City and its contractors shall refrain from, or limit, the use of systemic pesticides, such as neonicotinoids, that may negatively affect pollinators.
4. The City of Faribault shall undertake its best efforts to purchase and plant vegetation on City property favorable to pollinators. In particular, the City shall strive to purchase native plants grown in the region that have not been genetically engineered to have herbicides or pesticides in their DNA.
5. Where practicable and desirable, the City should strive to convert actively managed non-native or degraded landscaped areas to native habitats that include pollinator-friendly plants. Continue to provide pollinator-friendly areas (like those at the Fire Station and the Library) in the city that can help educate the public about pollinator-friendly practices.
6. The City shall continue to make available to City residents and property owners information on the importance and benefits of creating and maintaining pollinator-friendly habitats.

7. Where appropriate and practicable, incorporate pollinator-friendly plants into the landscapes of City property. Also, where appropriate and practicable, encourage private property owners and others to incorporate pollinator-friendly plants into their landscapes.

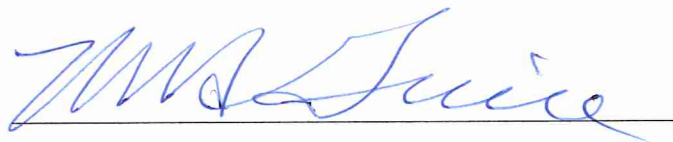
Date Adopted: December 12, 2017

Faribault City Council



Kevin F. Voracek, Mayor

ATTEST:



Michael A. McGuire, Interim City Administrator

