

RESOLUTION NO. 5121

RESOLUTION OF THE SEBASTOPOL CITY COUNCIL
REQUIRING THE PURCHASE OF MTBE FREE
GASOLINE FOR CITY OWNED VEHICLES

WHEREAS, The Sebastopol City Council has adopted a Voluntary Toxic Free Zone Policy that specifically encourages residents to eliminate the use of all toxic chemicals where an environmentally safe alternative exists, and

WHEREAS, the Voluntary Toxic Free Zone Policy requires City operations to cease in the use of toxic chemicals where viable alternatives exist, and

WHEREAS, the use of MTBE gasoline greatly increases the risk of cancer through exposure of the public to this fuel constituent from its residual presence in the environment from fuel combustion and spillage and most specifically the permeation of MTBE into the public water supplies, and

WHEREAS, the potential hazard to public health has been clearly acknowledged by the State of California who has acted to ban presence of MTBE fuel in the year 2002, and

WHEREAS, the City of Sebastopol has obtained a fuel source that will supply gasoline without MTBE.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Sebastopol City Council hereby directs that all future purchases of city gasoline be free of MTBE as long as a supply is available to the city, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of Sebastopol inform all cities in Sonoma County of the Council's action and urge them to take a similar action to protect all citizens from the health hazards that emanate from gasoline containing MTBE and the potential for further contamination of public water supplies.

DULY ADOPTED BY COUNCIL on the 20th day of June, 2000

APPROVED: 

Vice-Mayor

AYES: 3 Councilmembers Austin, Roventini and Vice-Mayor Anderson
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 2 Councilmember Robinson and Mayor Foley
ABSTAIN: 0

ATTEST:



City Clerk