

RESOLUTION NO. 5246

RESOLUTION OF THE SEBASTOPOL CITY COUNCIL  
SUPPORTING ALTERNATIVE FUELED VEHICLES

WHEREAS, more than one-half of California's air pollution comes from mobile sources, such as cars, trucks and buses; and

WHEREAS, conventional cars degrade with use and become serious sources of pollution and as our population grows, the gains we have made in clearing our air will inevitably erode; and

WHEREAS, "upstream emissions" from gasoline, including those from refineries and from diesel truck delivering the fuel, are significant contributors to unhealthy air; and

WHEREAS, a wide variety of low emission vehicles in many applications are now available from many manufacturers in ultra-low emission (ULEV), super-ultra-low emission (SULEV), and zero-emission (ZEV) configurations. Some are powered by gasoline, some natural gas, some hybrid electrics, and some are battery-powered electrics; and

WHEREAS, zero emission vehicles can assure clean air now and for many decades to come; and

WHEREAS; reducing air pollution is a shared responsibility, requiring the participation of all communities and their community members; and

WHEREAS, cities and should play a significant role. Cities are significant users of vehicles and equipment, and they regularly purchase new vehicles and equipment; and

WHEREAS, as public institutions, cities have a responsibility to serve the public interest and avoid creating air pollution themselves whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, cities can and should lead by example so that residents and businesses will also willingly participate in clean air programs; and

WHEREAS, significant incentive funding is now available through local Air Districts and the California Air Resources Board for cities to acquire ULEVs, SULEVs, and ZEVs. In addition, cities are provided special funding each year through AB2766 funds that can only be spent on reducing air pollution; and

WHEREAS, many cities have leased or purchased ULEVs, SULEVs and ZEVs and use them in their fleets on a day-to-day basis and their experience has been uniformly positive; and

WHEREAS, despite limited availability, the ZEVs have received rave reviews from fleet operators with operating costs that are much lower than conventional vehicles; and

WHEREAS, some cities have shown special leadership and have adopted procurement policies that give preference to the cleanest available vehicles suitable for each application.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Sebastopol City Council shall identify and give preference in its vehicle procurement to the lowest emission vehicles available, practical and reasonably cost competitive for a given application or where funding is available to assure that such vehicles are reasonably cost competitive.

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2002.

APPROVED:



MAYOR

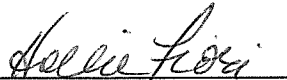
AYES: Councilmembers Anderson, Litwin, Robinson, Roventini and Mayor Spooner

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:



City Clerk