

In the matter of establishing Waste/Source Reduction as a Priority in the Use and Management of Hazardous Materials in the City of Sacramento

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WHEREAS the presence of hazardous substances and hazardous wastes in the City of Sacramento creates a potential threat to public health and safety; and

WHEREAS there are cost-effective practices and technologies now readily available by which to significantly reduce the amount and toxicity of hazardous materials initially used as well as imposed on society's waste management capabilities; and

WHEREAS waste/source reduction benefits chemical users by reducing waste disposal fees and long term liability, as well as the costs of chemical feedstock materials; and

WHEREAS there is a trend in state and federal law away from disposing of hazardous wastes in landfills, creating a serious need for alternatives; and

WHEREAS with the passage of AB 2948, all cities and counties will be authorized to adopt plans for the management and ultimate disposition of all hazardous wastes generated within their boundaries,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that it is the policy of the City of Sacramento to encourage and promote practices and technologies that will, in order of priority:

- First, reduce the use of hazardous substances and the generation of hazardous wastes at their source;
- Second, recover and recycle the remaining wastes for reuse;
- Third, treat those wastes not amenable to source reduction or recycling so that the environment and community health are not threatened by their ultimate release or disposal.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the appropriate City staff and to the City's Toxic Substances Commission for review and consideration of the implementation of AB 2948.