

RESOLUTION NO. 25-2097

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, OPPOSING THE SALE, PURCHASE AND USE OF RODENTICIDES AND GLUE TRAPS IN THE CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, and

WHEREAS, rodenticides are poisonous bait products, available to the public, used to combat the infestation of rodents in business and residential properties; and

WHEREAS, rodenticides are used as bait, many of which do not have antidotes which the rodents ingest, causing lethal internal hemorrhaging; and

WHEREAS, rodenticides have been scientifically linked to the poisoning of non-target wildlife, including hawks, owls, foxes, coyotes, mountain lions, and other predators that consume poisoned rodents, leading to widespread secondary poisoning and disruptions to the ecosystem; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that rodenticides persist in the food chain, weakening immune systems, impairing reproduction, and contributing to the decline of predator species that naturally control rodent populations; and

WHEREAS, California Department of Fish and Wildlife studies have documented rodenticides have appeared in a large number of tested mountain lions, bobcats, and raptors, demonstrating the pervasive impact these poisons have on native wildlife; and

WHEREAS, pets and wildlife may also become sick or die from ingesting rodenticides directly, or due to secondary exposure after consuming the dead or dying rodents; and

WHEREAS, glue traps are devices used to capture rodents and other pests by sticking them to a glue surface, often causing significant pain, distress, and prolonged suffering before death; and

WHEREAS, these traps can cause severe injury to non-target animals, such as pets, birds, and even wildlife, which may accidentally become ensnared; and

WHEREAS, the use of glue traps raises significant ethical concerns due to their cruel nature and the unnecessary suffering they cause to living creatures; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, the City of Agoura Hills adopted Resolution No. 14-1742, which was a positive step in addressing the impact of anticoagulant rodenticides on wildlife and is being updated to address non-anticoagulant poisons and the use of glue traps;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Agoura Hills hereby urges businesses in Agoura Hills to no longer use or sell rodenticides or glue traps, urges all property owners to cease purchasing or using rodenticides and glue traps on their properties in Agoura Hills, and commits the City of Agoura Hills to not use rodenticides and glue traps, where feasible, as part of its maintenance program for City-owned parks and facilities.

The City Clerk shall certify the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED, and ADOPTED this 9th day of April 2025, by the following vote to wit:

AYES:	()
NOES:	()
ABSENT:	()
ABSTAIN:	()

Penny Sylvester, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kimberly M. Rodrigues, MMC, City Clerk