

RESOLUTION NO. 926

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDMOND WASHINGTON URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ALLOW THE "BAN ON BANS" TO EXPIRE; AND SEEKING A MORE ACTIVE STATE ROLE IN EFFORTS TO PROMOTE WASTE REDUCTION AND INCREASE THE RECYCLABILITY OF PRODUCTS AND PACKAGING; AND COMMITTING COUNCIL SUPPORT TO DEVELOPMENT OF POLICIES TO REDUCE SOLID WASTE.

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WHEREAS, local governments are responsible for managing the disposal and recycling of household solid and hazardous waste; and

WHEREAS, improper disposal of hazardous household products harms the environment; and

WHEREAS, packaging represents 30% of the waste stream in Washington State, unnecessarily depleting valuable natural resources; and

WHEREAS, unnecessary and unrecyclable packaging floods the wastestream and burdens landfills; and;

WHEREAS, by preempting local governments' authority to tax or regulate products and packaging, the "Ban on Bans" severely compromises our ability to manage household solid and hazardous waste; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the "Ban on Bans" was to give the packaging industry an opportunity to work on waste reduction and recyclability; and during this period, packaging has grown as a percentage of the non-recyclable waste stream; and

WHEREAS, for certain materials such as polystyrene, poly-vinyl-chloride, and appliances, the economics of curbside collection and recycling are either difficult or impossible; and

WHEREAS, the prohibition against taxes and fees denies local governments an equitable and significant source of financing for costly waste management programs; and

WHEREAS, the prohibition against taxes and fees prevents local governments from sending consumers "price signals" on problem products and packaging, which would internalize the cost of disposal and enable consumers to make choices based on more complete information; and

WHEREAS, by dramatically reducing local governments' authority over product sales, the "Ban on Bans" sharply limits our ability to elicit cooperation from the manufacturers responsible for problem products and packaging; and

WHEREAS, the "Ban on Bans" prevents local governments from enacting a wide variety of potentially effective regulatory measures; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Ecology's Washington State Solid Waste Management Plan recognizes these concerns by recommending that "The Legislature should allow 'The Ban on Bans' to expire," now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF REDMOND, WASHINGTON  
HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

The State Legislature should allow the "Ban on Bans" to expire as planned.

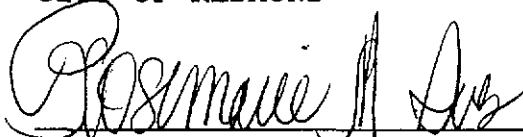
The State government should expand its efforts to lead and facilitate efforts by governments, businesses, and citizens to:

- 1) reduce and manage the environmental impacts of products and packaging;
- 2) increase the recyclability of products and packaging; and
- 3) increase the procurement of recycled content and recyclable products.

The Council will work toward the establishment of comprehensive policies at all levels of government which reduce the amount of solid waste created.

RESOLVED this 2nd day of February, 1993.

CITY OF REDMOND

  
MAYOR, ROSEMARIE IVES

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

  
CITY CLERK, DORIS A. SCHAIBLE

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