

## RESOLUTION NO. 2314

### A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PUYALLUP, WASHINGTON, designating the City of Puyallup as a Bee City USA® affiliate

**WHEREAS**, the goal of Bee City USA is to promote healthy, sustainable habitats and communities for bees and other pollinators; and

**WHEREAS**, the Puyallup Valley at a local level, and Eastern and Western Washington at a state level, produce a wide variety and large volume of fruits, nuts and vegetables, due in part to the tremendous diversity of wild native bees, along with the honey bees that were brought to the United States from Europe in the 1700s; and

**WHEREAS**, three-quarters of the world's plant species rely on animal pollinators to reproduce; and

**WHEREAS**, bees and other pollinators have experienced population declines due to a combination of habitat loss, use of pesticides, and the spread of pests and diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to enhance understanding among local government staff and the public about the vital role that pollinators play and what each of us can do to sustain them, to foster environmental awareness and sustainability, and to further mobilize community stewards, the City of Puyallup chooses to support and encourage pollinator habitat creation and enhancement on both public and private land; and

**WHEREAS**, bee-friendly communities, such as Puyallup, can benefit local and regional economies through, healthy ecosystems, increased vegetable and fruit crop yields, and increased demand for pollinator-friendly plant materials from local nurseries and growers; and

**WHEREAS**, ideal pollinator-friendly habitat:

- Provides diverse and abundant nectar and pollen from plants blooming in succession throughout the growing season.
- Provides clean water for drinking, nest-building, cooling, diluting stored honey, and butterfly puddling.
- Is pesticide-free or has pesticide use carried out with least ill effects on pollinators.
- Is comprised of mostly, if not all, native species of annual and perennial wildflowers, shrubs, trees, and grasses in ornamental landscapes because many wild pollinators prefer or depend on the native plants with which they co-evolved.
- Includes, where possible, designated pollinator zones in public spaces with signage to educate the public and build awareness.

- Provides for safe and humane removal of honey bees when required.
- Provides undisturbed spaces (leaf and brush piles, un-mowed fields or field margins, fallen trees and other dead wood) for nesting and overwintering for wild pollinators; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Puyallup deems that becoming a Bee City will enhance the quality of life in Puyallup;

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Puyallup resolves as follows:

1. The City of Puyallup Planning Department is hereby designated as the Bee City USA sponsor;
2. The Executive Assistant to the City Manager of the City of Puyallup is designated as the Bee City USA liaison;
3. Facilitation of the City of Puyallup Bee City USA program is assigned to the City of Puyallup staff committee, known as the “Bee Committee” or “Anthophila Committee”; The Bee Committee is authorized to, and should:
  - a. **Policy:** Establish, through the City, a policy in the Natural Environment element and Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan of the City’s Comprehensive Plan to acknowledge and commit to the Bee City USA designation.
  - b. **Plan Review:** Review the PROS Plan and other relevant documents (e.g. 20-Year Open Space Restoration Plan) to identify appropriate locations for bee hive siting and bee-friendly vegetation plantings and other appropriate measures.
  - c. **Celebration:** Make arrangements to annually celebrate National Pollinator Week (third full week of June) or some other appropriate occasion with educational events, pollinator habitat plantings or restoration, proclamations or promotions that showcase Puyallup’s commitment to enhancing pollinator health and habitat.
  - d. **Renewal:** Annually apply for renewal of the City of Puyallup’s Bee City USA designation and submit a report of the previous year’s Bee City USA activities.
  - e. **Publicity & Information:** Make arrangements to (i) install and maintain at least one authorized Bee City USA street sign in a prominent location; and (ii) create and maintain a webpage on the City of Puyallup website which includes, at minimum, a copy of this resolution, links to the national Bee City USA website, contact information for the local government’s Bee City USA liaison (Executive Assistant to the City Manager), contact information for the “Bee Committee”, and reports of the pollinator-friendly activities that have been accomplished in previous year(s).
  - f. **Habitat:** Develop and implement a program to create or expand pollinator-friendly habitat, which can include, but is not limited to:
    - i. Identification and inventory of City real property that can be propagated with flowering plants;

- ii. Creation of a pollinator-friendly vegetation plan;
- iii. Siting of bee hives in appropriate locations; and
- iv. Creation and distribution of informational or educational materials to the public.

**ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Puyallup, Washington, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.



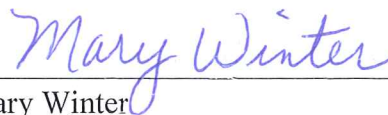
John Hopkins  
Mayor

Approved as to form:

Attest:



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City Attorney



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