

Resolution to Discontinue Use of Glyphosate on County Owned Property and Right of Way

WHEREAS, herbicides have long been, and continue to be, a tool for county staff to manage vegetation in public rights of way and other public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the county, in its fiduciary obligations to steward limited taxpayer resources, is committed to maintaining the county road system and infrastructure in the most cost-effective manner possible; and

WHEREAS, the county is committed to supporting a healthy, sustainable workplace and environment for its employees and citizens; and

WHEREAS, in the control of noxious weeds, Glyphosate is a tool of last resort; and

WHEREAS, private citizens often utilize herbicides for personal uses;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kitsap County Board of Commissioners direct staff to:

- Discontinue the broadcast spraying of glyphosate on county owned and maintained property and rights of way; and
- Pursue other options to effectively support departmental operations and stewardship of resources; and
- Work with Prosecuting Attorney's office to determine the extent of county authority beyond county owned/maintained property; and
- Work with our state legislative delegation and county partners to pursue lasting changes; and
- Only utilize targeted application of glyphosate in the eradication of noxious weeds; and
- Educate private citizens in our community about other weed management alternatives.

Dated this 22nd day of May, 2019

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
KITSAP COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



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