

Monday, September 23, 2019

RESOLUTION NO. 134-19

Offered by Councilor MURPY Seconded by Councilor

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Glen Ridge has determined that it is desirable to reduce the risk to human health safety and welfare of its citizenry and the environment by minimizing the use of certain herbicides; and

WHEREAS, recently there has been evidence suggesting that there are cancer risks associated with glyphosate-based weed killers such as Round-Up and Ranger Pro; and

WHEREAS, in a March 2015 report, the World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer ("IARC") concluded that glyphosate, the key ingredient in Round-Up, is "probably carcinogenic in humans"; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of the Borough of Glen Ridge has determined that the use of certain herbicides on lands within Glen Ridge creates a risk contributing to adverse effects on surface and/or groundwater; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of Glen Ridge wishes to further protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its residents, employees, and contractors by eliminating their exposure to potentially harmful and carcinogenic substances used in the maintenance of landscaping within Glen Ridge owned and private lands; and

WHEREAS, the governing body of Glen Ridge wishes to eliminate the risks associated with herbicide products containing glyphosate and therefore seeks to ban the application of glyphosate containing herbicides such as Round-Up and Ranger Pro by all employees and commercial applicators in the performance of landscaping and maintenance work on all Glen Ridge Borough - Owned property or property managed by the Borough of Glen Ridge, and directs municipal departments to take all actions necessary to accomplish the aforestated objectives.

BE IT RESOLVED, the Borough of Glen Ridge approves the ban on the application of glyphosate containing herbicides such as Round-Up and Ranger Pro by all employees and commercial applicators in the performance of landscaping and maintenance work on all Glen Ridge Borough-Owned property or property managed by the Borough, and directs municipal departments to take all actions necessary to accomplish the aforestated objectives.