



# SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL

## Legislative Summary

Res 31582

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Title: A RESOLUTION regarding certification of The City of Seattle as a Bee City.

	<u>Date</u>
<b>Notes:</b>	<b>Filed with City Clerk:</b> 5/22/2015
	<b>Mayor's Signature:</b> 5/22/2015
<b>Sponsors:</b> Licata, O'Brien, Godden	<b>Vetoed by Mayor:</b>
	<b>Veto Overridden:</b>
	<b>Veto Sustained:</b>

**Attachments:**

**Drafter:** Emilia.Sanchez@seattle.gov

**Filing Requirements/Dept Action:**

**History of Legislative File**

Legal Notice Published:  Yes  No

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	City Clerk	04/30/2015	sent for review	Council President's Office			
	<b>Action Text:</b> The Resolution (Res) was sent for review to the Council President's Office						
	<b>Notes:</b>						
1	Council President's Office	05/06/2015	sent for review	Finance and Culture Committee			
	<b>Action Text:</b> The Resolution (Res) was sent for review to the Finance and Culture Committee						
	<b>Notes:</b>						
1	Full Council	05/11/2015	referred	Finance and Culture Committee			
	<b>Action Text:</b> The Resolution (Res) was referred to the Finance and Culture Committee						
	<b>Notes:</b>						
1	Finance and Culture Committee	05/13/2015	adopt				Pass
	<b>Action Text:</b> The Committee recommends that Full Council adopt the Resolution (Res). In Favor: 4 Chair Licata, Vice Chair Godden, Member Burgess, O'Brien Opposed: 0						
1	Full Council	05/18/2015	adopted				Pass
	<b>Action Text:</b> The Resolution (Res) was adopted by the following vote and the President signed the Resolution:						

**Notes:**

In Favor: 9 Councilmember Bagshaw, Council President Burgess, Councilmember Godden, Councilmember Harrell, Councilmember Licata, Councilmember O'Brien, Councilmember Okamoto, Councilmember Rasmussen, Councilmember Sawant

Opposed: 0

1 City Clerk 05/19/2015 submitted for Mayor  
Mayor's signature

**Action Text:** The Resolution (Res) was submitted for Mayor's signature. to the Mayor

**Notes:**

1 Mayor 05/22/2015 Signed

**Action Text:** The Resolution (Res) was Signed.

**Notes:**

1 Mayor 05/22/2015 returned City Clerk

**Action Text:** The Resolution (Res) was returned. to the City Clerk

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**CITY OF SEATTLE**

**RESOLUTION 31582**

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4 A RESOLUTION regarding certification of The City of Seattle as a Bee City.

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

9 WHEREAS, thanks to our diversity of wild native bees, along with honey bees brought here  
10 from Europe in the 1700s, the United States enjoys diverse dietary choices rich in fruits,  
11 nuts, and vegetables; and

12 WHEREAS, bees and other pollinators around the globe have experienced dramatic declines due  
13 to a combination of habitat loss, use of pesticides, and the spread of pests and diseases,  
14 with grave implications for the future health of flora and fauna; and

15 WHEREAS, The City of Seattle (City) and cities across the globe are growing more dense,  
16 highlighting the critical role of urban agriculture in a healthy food system while  
17 increasing opportunities for cities and their residents to support bees and other pollinators  
18 on both public and private land; and

19 WHEREAS, habitat conservation and restoration, innovative land use, research, and other  
20 strategies can help maintain a diverse and abundant community of pollinators; and

21 WHEREAS, supporting pollinators fosters community among city residents, and increases  
22 interactions among urban farmers, gardeners, educators, beekeepers, naturalists, and  
23 organizations; and

1 WHEREAS, the economic benefits of pro-pollinator programs include increased floral diversity,  
2 increased crop yields, reduced need for pesticides and costs associated with them, and  
3 increased demand for native plant materials from local growers and nurseries; and

4 WHEREAS, responding to scientific concern over the impact of neonicotinoids on pollinators,  
5 the City Council recently passed a resolution banning the use of neonicotinoid pesticides  
6 by the City, supporting a national moratorium on neonicotinoids, and urging retailers  
7 operating within the city to ensure no plants, seeds, or products containing neonicotinoids  
8 are offered for sale; and

9 WHEREAS, the City benefits from participating in the Bee City USA program by responding  
10 constructively to burgeoning public interest, maximizing existing efforts to support  
11 pollinators, and providing a national example of successful urban agriculture initiatives;

12 NOW THEREFORE,

13 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE**  
14 **MAYOR CONCURRING, THAT:**

15 Section 1. The City of Seattle (City) accepts certification as a Bee City USA affiliate.

16 Section 2. The Department of Parks and Recreation (Parks) and Seattle City Light (City  
17 Light) will serve as liaisons and oversee the City's Bee City USA program encouraging and  
18 coordinating local pollinator habitat and awareness activities. Parks and City Light will serve as  
19 the intermediaries between the city's citizens and the City in order to enhance pollinator  
20 awareness, health and habitat; and implement the following:

21 A. The City will annually celebrate National Pollinator Week, in the third full  
22 week in June or some other appropriate occasion; with educational events, pollinator habitat

1 plantings or restoration, and proclamations or promotions showcasing the City's commitment to  
2 enhancing pollinator health and habitats rich in native plant species;

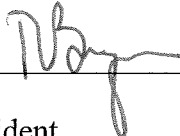
3           B. The City will apply annually to renew its Bee City USA certification and  
4 submit a report to Bee City USA of its previous year's pollinator activities;

5           C. The City will publicly acknowledge the community's commitment by agreeing  
6 to install and maintain at least one authorized Bee City USA street sign in a prominent location;


7 and

8           D. The City will create and maintain links on appropriate City web pages that will  
9 include at a minimum: links to a PDF of this Resolution; a link to the national Bee City USA  
10 website; contact information for the City's Bee City USA liaison; information on a designated  
11 Bee City USA "committee or non-profit organization;" and reports of the pollinator-friendly  
12 activities the City has accomplished in previous years.


1 Adopted by the City Council the 18<sup>th</sup> day of MAY, 2015, and signed  
2 by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this 18<sup>th</sup> day  
3 of MAY, 2015.

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5 President \_\_\_\_\_ of the City Council

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7 The Mayor concurred the 22 day of May, 2015.

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10 Edward B. Murray, Mayor

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12 Filed by me this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2015.

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15 Monica Martinez Simmons, City Clerk

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