



MEETING OF JULY 18, 2023

TO: Mayor Jordan and City Council
THRU:
FROM: Kit Williams, City Attorney
DATE:
SUBJECT: Resolution to Oppose Issuance of ADEQ Permit to Synagro

RECOMMENDATION:

Council Member Teresa Turk is sponsoring a resolution to oppose any request from Synagro or other company that would allow the land application or release of industrial waste or similar materials containing nutrients and/or phosphorus by Synagro or other company within either the Illinois River basin or watershed or the White River basin or watershed which flows into Beaver Lake

BACKGROUND:

DISCUSSION:

BUDGET/STAFF IMPACT:

ATTACHMENTS: Agenda Request - Oppose Synagro ADEQ Permit - Council Member Turk



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Legislation Text

File #: 2023-905

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A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE THE ISSUANCE OF ANY ADEQ PERMIT TO SYNAGRO OR OTHER COMPANY THAT WOULD ALLOW THE RELEASE OR LAND APPLICATION OF NUTRIENT OR PHOSPHORUS INDUSTRIAL WASTE OR SIMILAR MATERIAL WITHIN THE ILLINOIS RIVER OR BEAVER LAKE WATERSHEDS

WHEREAS, Northwest Arkansas cities and businesses have worked hard and invested substantial money and resources for many years in an attempt to reduce the overabundance of nutrients including phosphorus in the watersheds of the Illinois River flowing into Oklahoma and the White River flowing into Beaver Lake ; and

WHEREAS, excess phosphorus entering our watershed and lakes fuels the growth of harmful and sometimes dangerous algae and increases the purification costs of the Beaver Lake Water District to ensure the water from Beaver Lake remains safe and good tasting; and

WHEREAS, Synagro should not be allowed to release or land apply nutrients including phosphorus within the Illinois River basin or watershed nor within the White River basin or watershed that flows into Beaver Lake; and

WHEREAS, Beaver Lake is Fayetteville's source of drinking and potable water and the primary source of clean water for half a million persons and businesses in Northwest Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Fayetteville requests that the ADEQ regulate and prohibit land application of phosphorus industrial waste or similar nutrients in nutrient surplus areas, especially those areas with karst geologic formations.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby declares its opposition to any request from Synagro or other company that would allow the land application or release of industrial waste or similar materials containing nutrients and/or phosphorus by Synagro or other company within either the Illinois River basin or watershed or the White River basin or watershed which flows into Beaver Lake.

Section 2: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby requests that the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality deny Synagro's permit application and any similar permit from

any entity.

Section 3: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby requests that the ADEQ draft appropriate regulations specific to the application of industrial nutrient waste in nutrient surplus areas and areas where karst is present.