

RESOLUTION NO. 73-9

Whereas, the Environmental Quality and Conservation Commission, pursuant to Ordinance Nos. 71-39 and 72-35, has the duty of preparing and submitting reports and recommendations to the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Bloomington, and

Whereas Lake Monroe has been found to be, and many other lakes in the State of Indiana may possibly be, endangered by the harmful effects of phosphate enrichment, and

Whereas Lake Monroe is important to Bloomington economically as a water supply and recreation resource as well as a natural area, and

Whereas phosphate detergents contribute substantially to phosphate pollution in the United States, and

Whereas the use in detergents is a gross waste of phosphate, which is a valuable resource for other purposes, and


Whereas phosphate removal and recovery systems are not generally in use and will not be in general use in the near future at sewage plants in Indiana, and

Whereas, although some inconvenience may be experienced with the use of laundry soaps and non-phosphate detergents, these agents are sufficient to clean clothes properly, and

Whereas it has not been demonstrated that adequate substitutes for special-use phosphate detergents such as dishwasher detergents can be available in time to meet the present April deadline, and

Whereas legislative bills introduced in the Indiana House of Representatives and the Indiana Senate variously propose to permit limited phosphate content in household detergents and in detergents for special uses,

Now therefore be it hereby resolved that the Common Council of the City of Bloomington accepts the recommendation of the Environmental Quality and Conservation Commission and opposes legislation that would permit phosphates in household detergents, but supports the delay of the ban on phosphates in detergents for special uses until adequate substitutes are found.

  
Charlotte T. Zietlow, President  
Common Council

  
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Mayor

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