

RESOLUTION NO. 2635

WHEREAS, eighty percent of the antibiotics sold in the United States are used in livestock production, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has reported that most of those antibiotics are used irresponsibly; and

WHEREAS, low doses of antibiotics are routinely fed to livestock for growth promotion and disease prevention to compensate for crowded, unsanitary conditions, in a practice known as “nontherapeutic use”; and

WHEREAS, “nontherapeutic use” creates ideal conditions for the development of antibiotic resistant bacteria; and

WHEREAS, antibiotic resistant bacteria on livestock operations are known to spread to retail meat, farmers and farmworkers, and rural environments; and

WHEREAS, antibiotic resistance in pathogens due to nontherapeutic use of antibiotics in livestock production has been a public health concern since the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, antibiotic resistant bacteria have been the cause of several foodborne illness outbreaks, including a 2011 outbreak of antibiotic resistant *Salmonella* in ground turkey that sickened 136 people, hospitalized 37, and killed one and lead to the third largest meat recall in the USDA’s records and a 2013 outbreak of antibiotic resistant *Salmonella* in chicken that sickened 416 people and hospitalized 162; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that at least two million Americans suffer from antibiotic resistant bacterial infections each year and twenty-three thousand Americans die from those infections; and

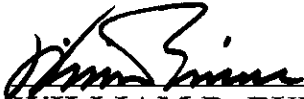
WHEREAS, the medical and social costs of antibiotic-resistance infections in just one hospital for one year have been estimated to be between \$13 million and \$18 million; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has limited nontherapeutic uses of two classes of antibiotics, but otherwise largely relied on voluntary guidance to attempt to reduce overuse of antibiotics in livestock production, despite regular acknowledgements that nontherapeutic use and the development of antibiotic resistant bacteria poses a significant public health threat.

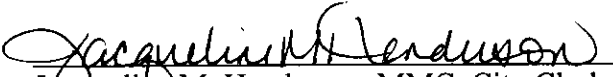
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Alexandria supports a statewide and national ban on nontherapeutic uses of antibiotics in livestock production; and the City of Alexandria supports the Protection of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act (PAMTA)/Prevention of Antibiotic Resistance Act (PARA).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Alexandria will send a letter to our State Representatives, Congressional Representative and U.S. Senators calling for a ban on the nontherapeutic use of antibiotics in livestock agriculture and for them to co-sponsor the PAMTA/PARA.

Adopted: June 24, 2014


WILLIAM D. EULLE MAYOR

ATTEST:


Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk

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Jackie Henderson

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- Name: Allen Lomax
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- Phone Number: 703-578-3054
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- Service Type: Mayor, Vice Mayor City Council
- Request Description: Request on behalf of the Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria for the City Council to adopt the Resolution in Support of Federal Action to Address the Overuse of Antibiotics on Factory Farms (Docket Item #32, June 24, 2014 City Council Legislative Session).
- Attachment: <http://request.alexandriava.gov/GeoReport/UploadedFile.ashx/docx/b757c1e8-fb53-4c0e-bec6-8e360be97fae>
- Expected Response Date: Monday, June 30

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June 22, 2014

The Honorable William D. Euille

Mayor, City of Alexandria and Members

Of the Alexandria City Council

301 King Street, Room 2300

Alexandria, VA 22314

Dear Mayor Euille and Members of the City Council:

I am writing to you regarding your consideration of a City Council resolution in support of "Federal Action to Address the Overuse of Antibiotics on Factory Farms" (Docket Item #32, June 24, 2014). The Partnership for a Healthier Alexandria is pleased that you are considering adding your support to this important public health issue and hopes that you will pass this resolution.

As you are aware, livestock routinely receive low doses of antibiotics for growth promotion and disease prevention, a practice known as "nontherapeutic use". According to the Food and Drug Administration, 80 percent of the antibacterial drugs sold in the United States are for use in livestock and the majority of the drugs are used on livestock that are not sick. This practice has been identified as contributing to the development and spread of antibiotic-resistant bacteria among people. A 2013 report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on the growing threat of antibiotic resistance stated that 2 million people contact antibiotic resistant infections every year and at least 23,000 people die from them.

Legislation has been introduced in Congress that would address this public health crisis. The Preservation of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act (H.R. 1150) and the Prevention of Antibiotic Resistance Act (S. 1256) would restrict the use of essential antibiotics in food production. Antibiotics used to treat humans will be protected by the proposed legislation thus, ending their nontherapeutic use in livestock, while still allowing farmers to use all available antibiotics to treat animals under veterinary care.

Our Mission is to promote a safe and healthy Alexandria through coalition building, collaborative planning and community action.

Again, the Partnership thanks you for consideration of the resolution and we join other groups in Alexandria, such as the Public Health Advisory Commission, in requesting that you adopt the resolution.

Sincerely,

[SIGNED]

Allen Lomax

Chair