

Speech for March 24 Town Council Meeting

I submitted an email to Councilors suggesting that you place the Pesticide and Fertilizer Ordinance on the ballot instead of approving it at this meeting.

The referendum option is no longer possible because the Town Clerk must submit the ballot to the printer by April 17 to meet absentee and early voting requirements.

We are confident we will be able to obtain enough petition signatures to suspend the Ordinance if passed on April 28. This will result in a Town Council meeting in July where a newly elected Town Council will decide to cancel the Ordinance or spend \$20,000 on a special election.

We have a creative group of homeowners who are working to cancel the Ordinance. We have designed an email survey that is accumulating email addresses of homeowners who are willing to sign the petition. Our full-page ad will be running in the Northern Forecaster this week to gain more survey respondents. We already have 25 homeowners who will circulate petitions, and we have developed a drive-thru petition signing process. I have a handout of our ad which everyone is welcome to take. Just scan the QR code to take the survey. If anyone wants to help us gather petition signatures, we have an instruction sheet on what it involves.

And if necessary, we will obtain petition signatures at the June 10 election.

Passing the Ordinance is also bad for the environment. Experience has shown that homeowners hire professional applicators when lawns deteriorate. They then use pesticides without the appropriate knowledge because they are intent on just killing the weeds. The Ordinance is not enforceable.

Passing the Ordinance on April 28 will result in confusion. The Ordinance would go into effect and then our petitions would suspend the Ordinance until a special election is held.

Please do not approve the Pesticide and Fertilizer Ordinance.