



City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS DAN KALB

RESOLUTION CALLING UPON FOOD COMPANIES, GROCERY STORES, SUPERMARKETS, RESTAURANTS AND OTHER ENTITIES DEALING WITH FOOD PRODUCTION, DISTRIBUTION AND SALES OPERATING WITHIN THE CITY OF OAKLAND TO FULLY IMPLEMENT REQUIREMENTS OF PROPOSITION 12 (FARM ANIMAL CONFINEMENT INITIATIVE) WHICH OVERWHELMINGLY PASSED BY CALIFORNIA VOTES IN 2018 AND REQUIRES THAT COVERED ANIMALS (INCLUDING VEAL CALVES, BREEDING PIGS AND EGG-LAYING HENS) BE HOUSED IN CONFINEMENT SYSTEMS THAT COMPLY WITH SPECIFIC HUMANE STANDARDS.

WHEREAS, Proposition 12 requires that veal calves, mother pigs, and egg-laying hens, have habitation conditions that comply with humane standards of animal husbandry, it specifically ensures that animals are not cramped in tiny cages, that almost prevent movement; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 12 prohibits products from inhumanly caged animals to be sold in the California marketplace; and

WHEREAS, California's Proposition 12, the Prevention of Cruelty to Farm Animals Act, passed into law by California voters in 2018 by an overwhelming 25-point margin; and

WHEREAS, 71.6% of voters in Alameda County approved Proposition 12; and

WHEREAS, the Proposition 12 mandate came into effect for calves used for veal on December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the implementation date of Proposition 12 mandated standards for egg-laying hens and mother pigs is set for December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, following adoption of Proposition numerous large and small businesses, have pledged to stop sourcing eggs and other animal products from animals forced to live in extreme confinement; and

WHEREAS, multiple food corporations headquartered in California, such as Safeway, Chipotle, Taco Bell, Jack in the Box, IHOP, and Bon Appétit Management Company have also adopted cage-free policies; and

WHEREAS, in addition to California, eleven other states have passed laws to phase out inhumane confinement of farm animals; and

WHEREAS, Oakland, CA is known for its humane values, including its Ban Of Bullhook Use On Elephants (2014) and prohibition of the display of wild or exotic animals for public entertainment or amusement (2020); and

WHEREAS, the Pew Commission on Industrial Farm Animal Production found after its 2.5-year investigation into the problems associated with factory farming that the factory farming system “often poses unacceptable risks to public health, the environment and the welfare of the animals themselves.”; and

WHEREAS, livestock farms generate about 70% of the nation’s ammonia emissions, plus gases that cause global warming, particularly methane; and

WHEREAS, negative effects of factory farming on the environment are well documented by organizations like The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and in documentary films like Cowspiracy, Food inc., Earthlings, and numerous scientific research papers; and

WHEREAS, encouraging companies to come into full compliance with Proposition 12 as soon as possible sends a strong message about the importance of humane treatment of animals we use for food and plays an important role in environmental protection of water, air and land from the negative effects of factory farms; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council of Oakland hereby calls upon food companies, grocery stores, supermarkets, restaurants and other entities dealing with food production, distribution and sales operating within the city of Oakland to fully implement requirements of Proposition 12 (farm animal confinement initiative) as soon as possible; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council directs the City Administrator or his designee to aid in distribution of the requirements and information outlined in Proposition 12 and this Resolution which calls on businesses subject to Proposition 12 to comply with this important law.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California