

Full Text of Measure S (2002 November)

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City of Watsonville Initiative to Prohibit Additives to the Public Water Supply

AN ORDINANCE BY THE VOTERS TO ADD SECTION 6-3.443 TO ARTICLE 4 (WATER SERVICE PROVISIONS) OF CHAPTER 3 (CITY UTILITIES) OF TITLE 6 (SANITATION AND HEALTH) OF THE WATSONVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO ADDITIVES TO THE PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY

SECTION 1. ENACTMENT.

Article 4 (Water Service Provisions) of Chapter 3 (City Utilities) of Title 6 (Sanitation and Health) of the Watsonville Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding Section 6-3.443 to read as follows:

6-3.443 Additives to the Public Water Supply.

In order to ensure that the public water of Watsonville is safe to drink, it shall be unlawful and a public nuisance for any person, agent, or any public or private water system, to add any product, substance, or chemical to the public water supply for the purpose of treating or affecting the physical or mental functions of the body of any person, rather than to make water safe or potable, unless the substance meets the following criteria:

1. The substance must have been specifically approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for safety and effectiveness with a margin of safety that is protective for all adverse health and cosmetic effects at all ranges of unrestricted consumption.
2. The substance, at Maximum Use Levels, must contain no contaminants at concentrations that exceed U.S. Maximum Contaminant Level Goals or California Public Health Goals, whichever is more protective.

SECTION 2. SEVERABILITY.

If any provision of this Article or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the Article which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Article are severable.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall be in force and take effect ten (10) days after the official canvass of the November 5, 2002, Special Municipal Election pursuant to California Election Code Section 4013.