

**RESOLUTION NO. 47-15**

**A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND SUPPORTING INCREASED LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATION OF THE STORAGE AND HANDLING OF COAL AND PETROLEUM COKE (“PETCOKE”); CALLING ON THE BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD TO REGULATE AIR QUALITY AS IT PERTAINS TO THE STORAGE, HANDLING, AND TRANSPORTATION OF COAL AND PETCOKE; AND DIRECTING STAFF TO RESEARCH SIMILAR POLLUTION MITIGATION MEASURES**

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**WHEREAS**, there is an increase in the transport and export of coal and petcoke – a byproduct of oil refining – on the West Coast and in California; and

**WHEREAS** California public and private ports have recently attempted to secure permits to build or expand export facilities for coal and petcoke; and

**WHEREAS** Richmond has marine cargo facilities capable of storing transporting and ship-loading coal and petcoke materials; and

**WHEREAS** in 1983 the South Coast Air Quality Management District adopted Rule 1158 (amended July 11, 2008), which requires the transfer and storage of petroleum coke, coal and sulfur be enclosed to control the release of fugitive dust; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Richmond City Council supports increased local, state and federal oversight and regulation of the storage and handling of coal and petroleum coke, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Mayor will submit a letter on behalf of the City of Richmond to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District urging the board to amend Regulation 6, Rule 1: General Requirements for Particulate Matter, to improve the storage, handling and transfer of coal and petcoke; to address pollution hazards of transporting coal and petroleum coke products through communities like Richmond; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that staff will explore methods for the City to regulate the storage, handling and transportation of coal and petroleum coke products should the Bay Area Air Quality Management District fail to act within 120 days of the adoption of this resolution.

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I CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council on May 19, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Beckles, Martinez, McLaughlin, Pimplé, Vice Mayor Myrick, and Mayor Butt.

NOES: Councilmember Bates.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

PAMELA CHRISTIAN  
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND  
(SEAL)

Approved:  
TOM BUTT  
Mayor

Approved as to form:  
BRUCE GOODMILLER  
City Attorney

State of California            }  
County of Contra Costa        } : ss.  
City of Richmond               }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 47-15**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on May 19, 2015.