

★ **Roll Call Number**

**Agenda Item Number**

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**Date** September 8, 2014

Request to speak from Matt Ohloff, 112 10<sup>th</sup> Street #307, regarding public health crisis of antibiotic resistant bacteria in humans and misuse of antibiotics in livestock that leads to antibiotic resistant bacteria.

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**CERTIFICATE**

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED APPROVED

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Mayor

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City Clerk

**Rauh, Diane I.**

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**From:** website@dmgov.org  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 03, 2014 10:39 AM  
**To:** CouncilSpeak  
**Cc:** CityClerk  
**Subject:** Request to Speak Before the City Council - form submission

First Name: Matt

Last Name: Ohloff

Address: 112 10th Street Apt. 307

City: Des Moines

State: IA

Zip: 50309

Phone: 515-988-3737

Email: mohloff@fwwatch.org

Speaker(s): Matt Ohloff, Food & Water Watch

Meeting Date: Monday, September 22, 2014

Regarding: The public health crisis of antibiotic resistant bacteria in humans and misuse of antibiotics in livestock that leads to antibiotic resistant bacteria. I'll be submitting a draft resolution on the issue I'd like the city council to consider.

Submitted: 9/3/2014 10:39:14 AM

**Rauh, Diane I.**

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**From:** Matt Ohloff <mohloff@fwwatch.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 03, 2014 10:59 AM  
**To:** Rauh, Diane I.  
**Cc:** Cownie, Frank; Gray, William S.; BobM@FNGI.net; hensley.chrissteve@gmail.com; Gatto, Joe P.; Coleman, Chris; Coleman, Chris; ColemanSeven@mchsi.com; Moore, Skip  
**Subject:** Local resolution on antibiotic resistant bacteria for 9.8.14 city council meeting  
**Attachments:** AB resolution Jan 2014.docx

Dear City Clerk and City Council members,

I am an organizer for the national advocacy organization Food & Water Watch. I work out of our Des Moines, Iowa office. We're currently working to get local resolutions passed in city councils across the county to urge Congress on the very important issue of protecting antibiotics and stopping the misuse of antibiotics by the industrial livestock industry, which is leading to antibiotic resistant bacteria in humans.

I have requested to speak in front of the city council to present this issue and this resolution at the September 8 Des Moines City Council meeting.

I'm attaching our draft resolution and informational documents on this issue. Just for clarification, it is a non-binding resolution, we are doing this to urge Congress to act. There have already been 16 city councils around the country that have passed this, including Chicago, Cleveland, Seattle, Pittsburgh, and St. Paul. <http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/food/factoryfarms/antibiotics/campaign-to-save-antibiotics/>

There are a number of organizations in Des Moines and Iowa that are allies with us on this issue, including the Des Moines Water Works, the Iowa Public Health Association, the Iowa Chapter of the Sierra Club, the Iowa Environmental Council, and many others.

I look forward to working with you all to get this resolution passed in Des Moines. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions before the council meeting on Monday.

Best,  
Matt

[http://documents.foodandwaterwatch.org/doc/Antibiotic\\_Resistance\\_101\\_2014.pdf#\\_ga=1.122049867.1556323865.1377375298](http://documents.foodandwaterwatch.org/doc/Antibiotic_Resistance_101_2014.pdf#_ga=1.122049867.1556323865.1377375298)

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## Resolution

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;

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; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_ 2014, (name of town) supports a statewide and national ban on nontherapeutic uses of antibiotics in livestock production; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that (name of town) supports the Protection of Antibiotics for Medical Treatment Act (PAMTA)/Prevention of Antibiotic Resistance Act (PARA).

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that (name of town) 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.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND EFFECTIVE on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 2014.

ATTEST:

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Mayor

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Council President

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