

**Interview With Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4)
Regarding Resolution 1-R-23**

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All Things Appleton 00:08

Well, first, you know, one of my questions was—you know, the resolution says, "Any application by a private citizen, which can be identified as being in violation of these pesticide application guidelines may be subject to the same fines established for violation of existing sidewalk policy." So what section of the code are you referencing?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 00:29

So this is where folks are potentially penalized for leaving dog droppings on sidewalk.

All Things Appleton 00:36

Okay. And what is that section?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 00:38

I'd have to look that up real quick here. Just give you an idea of what that is. It was instituted into code I believe, about five years ago. Give me one second.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 01:17

Pet waste.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 01:18

The pest waste.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 01:48

I'm not coming up with it right off the top of my head, but I can certainly look into that for you.

All Things Appleton 01:53

Okay.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 01:53

Specifically which section the dog waste ordinance—if we—the idea is, like, if we're able to penalize folks for leaving unwanted residue in the form of dog waste on sidewalks and if it is traceable back to them, then the same should apply for unwanted chemical waste.

All Things Appleton 02:11

Right. And did you run this resolution past staff?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 02:16

Yes

All Things Appleton 02:16

And, I mean, what did they have to say about it at the time?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 02:19

Actually, the format of resolution has already been modified to include some of the comments that we had in before the submission of the...

All Things Appleton 02:27

So the one you submitted had already been looked at, and...?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 02:31

It had been, yes. And it is now being reconsidered and reanalyzed by staff.

All Things Appleton 02:35

Okay. So, then, I mean, as far as I can tell, this resolution would essentially ban any—

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 02:45

Nope.

All Things Appleton 02:46

What? Okay, so...

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 02:49

We're not allowed to create resolutions that ban.

All Things Appleton 02:52

Yes, but the things that you put in place are so restrictive that people would not be able to use them. So here, let me read...

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 03:02

In your opinion.

All Things Appleton 03:03

No, it's not my opinion. It's just—it seems like it's fact. I mean, "Chemical fertilizers and pesticides shall not be applied on any property during any rainy days, or potentially, rainy weather...."

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 03:15

Let's start there with rainy weather. Rainy weather increases the rate of runoff into our waterways. So that would increase pesticide and fertilizer runoff into directly into our waterway. It's you basically flushing money down, down the drain, sorry. And so we just want to make sure that what you apply stays where it is applied.

All Things Appleton 03:36

Yeah, when I went and looked at fertilizer packages at the store, all of them said to water this after it was applied.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 03:47

And there's a difference between controlled water and raining water, right? Raining water we can't control. It could rain two inches, it could rain several inches. And that's going to lead different to different levels of runoff. If you apply a mild watering according to the label—which is what we're asking people to do is just follow the rules that are on the label—then there should be no problem.

All Things Appleton 04:09

So you're going to just ban it though, even if it—

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 04:12

We're not banning it

All Things Appleton 04:12

If it was a gentle rain, you would not allow it to be watered in with the rain, even though apparently that's a standard practice with a lot of gardeners.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 04:20

We want to make sure that you are following the rules on the label.

All Things Appleton 04:24

Which doesn't say necessarily that it has—

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 04:27

It says to water.

All Things Appleton 04:27

It says "water" which you can use rain for that also.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 04:30

You, again—

All Things Appleton 04:31

And many people do.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 04:32

Again, the difference is controlled watering, which allows you to prevent the runoff versus uncontrolled watering, which you cannot estimate.

All Things Appleton 04:40

Yes. But I mean, generally—I mean, you can look at the forecast and maybe see oh, it's threatening thunderstorms versus this is just a 30% chance of rain. It's going to be gentle. You know?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 04:52

That's a bit of a gamble, and I think what we want to make sure people are doing, are just following the guidelines.

All Things Appleton 04:58

Okay, so then—Okay, so rainy weather or, "or on windy days (wind in excess of five miles per hour)." When I looked at the historical wind speeds in Appleton, there was one day in 2021 where wind speeds dropped below five miles an hour. So essentially, this would prevent anybody from applying any of these chemicals during any of the times during the summer, because—

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 05:25

I think what you identified there was the overall fluctuation on daily variability. Within a day, there are periods of time where winds subside below five hours now—five, five miles per hour. And so the idea there is just make sure you find the right window so that overspray does not happen. So you apply at the time, where you are not going to spray your chemicals onto somebody else's property that does not want those chemicals.

All Things Appleton 05:53

This doesn't say it only applies to spray chemicals. It says any chemical fertilizers and pesticides, which would be any that get put on the ground, you know, with your little roller or any fertilizers that are just mixed into the dirt.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 06:10

With granular applications, we do want to specify that granule applications need to still be applied at the appropriate time and make sure that they are not over dispersed or shot into somebody else's yard. All we want to do—

All Things Appleton 06:24

So, that, you intentionally chose to have the wind speed apply to them also?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 06:28

No, the wind speed only really, really only applies to aerosolized and volatilized potentially chemicals. So...

All Things Appleton 06:35

The resolution doesn't say that though.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 06:36

Okay. Well, this is why it's a resolution that still not—

All Things Appleton 06:40

I guess I'm surprised staff wouldn't have flagged that as a thing.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 06:44

But, I think there's, they're still reviewing it, as I said earlier. And so there is potential modification of this. This is not final form.

All Things Appleton 06:53

I think it's a little difficult for the public, when you present a resolution, which should be kind of—you know, understood that it may undergo changes—

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 07:03

It will. Every resolution does.

All Things Appleton 07:03

But it should be a pretty clear representation of what you are trying to accomplish.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 07:04

I think this is a clear representation of what we're trying to accomplish.

All Things Appleton 07:08

And so this, as written, would prevent people from applying any chemical fertilizers or pesticides at all which you—

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 07:21

Not true.

All Things Appleton 07:22

—are now. Yes, yes, it would.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 07:23

We're not banning pesticides. We're not preventing people from applying them. We're just thinking—we're asking people to follow the guidelines established by the DNR and established by the label and production. That is it.

All Things Appleton 07:34

Yeah, but that that paragraph itself, as written, would prevent them from doing that.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 07:41

Then there's potential clarification that can be done and modified.

All Things Appleton 07:43

I guess that's why I'm wondering, you know—like, that's a big thing to not get accurate for the initial thing.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 07:44

I think I think we did our best, as authors of the resolution, to put together a comprehensive resolution that makes us responsible stewards of our environmental landscape. Is there going to be modification? Absolutely. All language is up for debate and modification at any point as the as the resolution is going through committee or final vote in, in Council. That's—that happens with every single ordinance. And so this is certainly something that I can bring up to my colleagues and share your concerns there so that it is a little bit clearer and makes sure that we communicate that this is not a ban, we communicate that this is just making sure that you are following the rules set by the manufacturer, set by the DNR, and otherwise does not infringe on your right to add chemicals to your lawn.

All Things Appleton 08:42

Okay, and so, it also says, you know, at temperatures above 80 degrees Fahrenheit would not be allowed. Now I again, I looked at some of the packaging, and they did not on their on their labels on their guidelines necessarily say don't apply it at 80 degrees. Like, one package said—

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 08:59

Again, aerosolized

All Things Appleton 09:00

—if it's applied above 80 degrees, water it in right away. Some said oh between 60 degrees and 90 degrees do this.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 09:07

What, we wanna make sure is that aerosolized chemicals are not applied at temperatures above 80 degrees because then they become volatilized. And then you can't control the spread of them. They are gonna end up in other people's yards.

All Things Appleton 09:20

But again, like, this paragraph does not distinguish between aerosolized and other ones, which is confusing and not really necessarily accurate. I guess it makes it look like you're trying to ban it. Now you may not be planning to ban these, but, like, as written this would effectively in practice be a ban even if, theoretically, you could do it if you met all these guidelines, which you wouldn't be able to do.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 09:51

We're asking that you try your hardest to do that. And again—

All Things Appleton 09:54

But people can't do impossible things.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 09:57

And again the—nobody's gonna go out there looking to give you a ticket. That's not the goal of this resolution. If, however, somebody that does not want chemicals on their lawn and ends up with your chemicals on their lawn, then they have a venue by which to form a proper complaint.

All Things Appleton 10:15

So people currently have recourse—

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 10:19

They do.

All Things Appleton 10:19

—civilly.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 10:20

Yes.

All Things Appleton 10:20

They can bring you to small claims court; they can file a complaint, you know, a claim with their insurance that would go after your insurance if you're causing damage to their property; they can file a lawsuit. Is there a reason why those normal recourses that exist right now have been deemed inadequate?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 10:39

I don't think people are necessarily aware of what resources they have or do not have. So as you'll see, in this resolution, the very first point of this resolution, and probably the strongest point of this resolution is an education campaign. It's not really about setting guidelines or bans. It's just by asking, asking our community to think about what you're spraying, make sure you're not exposing others to it, and educate yourself on the best practices of lawn care.

All Things Appleton 11:07

I get—as in terms of like the paragraphs, you know, the first paragraph is about education. The next 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 paragraphs are implementing restrictions on how you use.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 11:28

Absolutely, and we chose to put that education paragraph first, because this is an educational campaign. This is focused on making sure that we have educational guidelines. As for the number of additional paragraphs that go into the details, again, we are trying to be as clear as possible, and as detailed and as meticulous as possible to make sure that those guidelines are well established and well regulated.

All Things Appleton 11:52

Okay, did you run this past any lawn care businesses to get their feedback?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 11:56

We did.

All Things Appleton 11:56

And what did they have to say?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 11:58

We had mixed reviews. I had an open meeting where there were several businesses were invited and only one chose to attend.

All Things Appleton 12:05

Yeah. And you gave them like the text of the resolution?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 12:09

I did.

All Things Appleton 12:09

Okay. And they just chose not to respond or...?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 12:12

Correct.

All Things Appleton 12:13

Okay. And who—the people who did attend, what did they say?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 12:17

There were some excellent arguments. And subsequently, after that meeting, our resolution was modified to accommodate some of the arguments that were brought.

All Things Appleton 12:25

What were some of those accommodations?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 12:26

I'd have to go back and look at my notes. I don't have them with me right now.

All Things Appleton 12:28

Okay. Are you concerned at all that, I mean—again, as written right now, this seems like it would pretty much end professional companies from doing their services in Appleton. Like they would not be able to manage their business and adhere to this law, you know. So they probably would stop. Are, you know—it seems like that could lead to job loss?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 12:53

I don't think so. I think people are just going to be a little bit more conscious and protective, and make sure that they are following the guidelines established by the chemical dispersal protocols. We're not asking people to give up their jobs or stop spraying in Appleton. We're asking people to just do so responsibly.

All Things Appleton 13:08

And again, you just keep—you're focusing on spraying, but this applies to everything. Right?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 13:16

There's different methods out there of pesticide and herbicide control. And if we are going to go down this route, I think you're right, we need to be a little bit more detailed here as to which where guidelines are for certain chemicals versus other chemicals. One of the original ideas, for example, was establishing a nine foot buffer around a property where you couldn't spray so that volatilized and aerosolized chemicals couldn't go into other people's yards. They would still land in your yard. But we felt that was too restrictive so we modified it. In fact, now we want to make sure that you can spray anywhere in your yard, you just can't do it in a way that where your chemicals end up in somebody else's property.

All Things Appleton 14:02

And how are you going to determine if chemicals have ended up in somebody else's property and that they originated from a specific other property?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 14:11

This is—again, the complaint here is based, this is based on complaint based enforcement. So a neighbor who may be [displaced?/displeased?] is welcome to collect certain bits of evidence to say like, "Okay, yes, my neighbor X was spraying at this time. Here's a picture, a geotag picture, and you can see actual spray coming into my yard. I've recorded a video of this happening." All those are options of things that people can bring as evidence to file a formal complaint.

All Things Appleton 14:40

And is there a reason why they couldn't just do that and use it for a civil case and not involve the city?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 14:48

We want to make sure that as a city, we're sending the message that we're good stewards of our environment. That's the big goal here. We have to be good protective stewards of our environment.

All Things Appleton 14:57

And will the city be stopping applying chemical in parks and stuff?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 15:02

Notice that the resolution right now refers to areas that are less than five acres or less than an area. For larger areas, we need to consider a separate resolution because there is a need to maintain vegetation controlled on larger areas, but those rules are gonna look different. In fact, those guidelines are different for the DNR. So we

need to go back to that problem and talk to the city. Okay, how can we deal with these larger allocation of these areas?

All Things Appleton 15:31

And is there a reason why you chose to do this resolution first versus the bigger resolution first? It seems like sort of—people's sense of fair play would say go after the big guy first, and that's probably your biggest bang for your buck is going after the parks and the farms and bigger campuses, and you know, business parks and stuff that are doing that. Those would be the ones spraying more stuff and apply more fertilizer, probably contributing to runoff at least as much as all of the little places combined.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 16:06

That's certainly something we're gonna continue to look at. Our—none of the nonpoint source, nonpoint sources of chemical contamination are going to be overlooked here. We want to take our time, make sure that in terms of area, there's actually more private area in the city than there is city owned area. So we want to make sure—

All Things Appleton 16:26

Well, I'm aware of that. But as far as like the private area that is being treated...

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 16:30

Well, we want to make sure that our resolution applies to all private citizens, whether it's being treated—their areas being treated or not.

All Things Appleton 16:38

I don't know what—I mean, it's like—I mean, yes, this resolution applies to me, it would prevent me from doing stuff. I don't treat my property myself—

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 16:45

Again, not preventing. It's just asking.

All Things Appleton 16:46

Well, it would; I wouldn't be able to do it.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 16:48

That would be your choice.

All Things Appleton 16:49

Well, so I could do it and then run the risk of the city fining me because I didn't meet all these things. That's what I mean, when I say it would prevent me. Like, if I don't want to get a fine, I would not be able to do this. Like I could do it and run the risk of getting a fine.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 17:05

This is not a ban; this is not a prevention. This is just making sure that you follow the guidelines and that you're a good environmental steward.

All Things Appleton 17:13

And the guidelines are so restrictive, I can't do them.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 17:16

Then that is something you have to talk to about with the manufacturers, or the DNR.

All Things Appleton 17:21

No, the guidelines you have put in place are restrictive.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 17:23

Which are based off of the manufacturer.

All Things Appleton 17:25

But like I said—you know, like the fertilizer, they say you can water it in. Now they don't say you must do a controlled water. So under their guidelines, it would be fine to use rainwater. You're saying that you can't.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 17:42

We're saying that you prevent runoff.

All Things Appleton 17:45

Yes, that's your, that's your guideline that you put in place. It is not actually on the back of the label.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 17:51

And again—well, let's think about the bigger picture here. I think what you are missing here is the big picture. The big picture is good environmental stewardship. That's the bottom line. We want to make sure that our phosphorus load, loading levels of the Fox River stay safe, that we don't contribute to future algal blooms, that we don't contribute an additional pollutants besides everything that's already—all the money that we spend on cleaning up the Fox River, we want to make sure we make keep it as pristine as possible. And that's the goal of this resolution. We also want to make sure that any chemical pesticide or herbicide doesn't affect our local biodiversity, our pollinators, our bees, our wildlife that might be exposed to a carcinogenic chemical. Those are the goals of the resolution. The resolution isn't to regulate what you can or cannot do; we're asking you to follow the guidelines, read the labels, and apply only the guidelines that are already set by the DNR and other Wisconsin state level agencies.

All Things Appleton 18:50

But then you created your own guidelines also.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 18:52

These are not creations out of nowhere. They are based on the guidelines from the labels.

All Things Appleton 18:58

But they're not the guide—like, I can go and find, you know, some products to put on that say I can put them on between 60 and 90 degrees. This limits it to 80 degrees. I can find products that say you can water it in immediately after application.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 19:15

That's because we're trying to create a concise piece of resolution that allows us to apply a broad umbrella of control, make sure that we are protecting the environment as a whole—the best practices that are possible. Now if there are details and minutia here and there that need to be addressed, that's why this bill is still being considered by the city staff and will be subsequently considered by different committees.

All Things Appleton 19:45

Okay. And you say that if, you know, we as citizens wanted to enact some kind of change to this we could go to the manufacturers and lobby them for changes—

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 19:57

Absolutely.

All Things Appleton 19:57

—to their, but if this is written into law—your rules—it wouldn't matter if the labels change.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 20:04

We are asking—our ordinance here simply mimics the best practices established by the labels.

All Things Appleton 20:10

Yes. But if the labels change, your ordinance doesn't change.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 20:15

That's not true. Ordinances change all the time.

All Things Appleton 20:17

Yeah. But you would have to—somebody would have to actually change it.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 20:20

Somebody would have to put in the work.

All Things Appleton 20:21

Okay, so right now, as written, these would be the rules—

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 20:24

Right now as written those rules follow—

All Things Appleton 20:25

—whether or not the labels changed.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 20:27

—the labels.

All Things Appleton 20:28

As they exist right now.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 20:30

As they exist, right now.

All Things Appleton 20:31

And so it's not completely accurate. If people wanted to make change, they could lobby the label makers to change the labels.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 20:38
Sure.

All Things Appleton 20:39

And then they would have to come back and lobby you to change the ordinance.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 20:42
Correct. That's how government works.

All Things Appleton 20:43

Or they could just lobby not to have this ordinance put in place. And you could do an ordinance that promotes education, and just "Please follow the label," but there's no fine.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 20:46
This ordinance does have education.

All Things Appleton 20:55

Yes, but it also includes a fine and very—things that are not necessarily in line with the labels.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 21:01
As do other ordinances in our city, if—

All Things Appleton 21:02

No, I understand that, but—

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 21:04

If you don't shovel the ice off of your sidewalk, after a snowy day, you can be fined. If you don't trim your weeds to a certain height, you can be fined. All of these things are just part of the agreement that we have as being part of the city. Now we're saying as a—what I want this ordinance to do, and what my co authors and I want is to say, "As a city, we are good environmental stewards, and we are following the best practices that are available out there."

All Things Appleton 21:29

Do you have to do that with a fine? Can you not just do it with pure education?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 21:36

That's why education is the primary component, the first component of this resolution.

All Things Appleton 21:40

But it is one eighth of it.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 21:40

It is the first.

All Things Appleton 21:40

It is one eighth of the resolution.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 21:44

It is the most—I'm telling you on the record that this is the most important part of the resolution. If we all just—

All Things Appleton 21:52

Would it be okay, if people ex-ed out the other seven, and it just was the first one because that is the most important—like, would that be a reasonable compromise that you could live with?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 22:02

Hmm. There would have to be justifiable reason for ex-ing out the remaining arguments that say follow the best rules possible. I'm always willing to compromise. I'm always willing to modify. This just got the ball rolling.

All Things Appleton 22:16

Okay. Um, so let me see here. So, yeah, like the wind speed, it doesn't really affect the fertilizers or herbicides that are just put on the ground, but you're still keeping it there right now? Or do you maybe want to separate it, have rules for aerosols, and then rules for stuff that is just put on the ground?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 22:40

Granular application does have different advantages and disadvantages. For example, it persists longer in the environment. It takes time for those grains to break down. That allows for longer exposure periods and runoff into our waterways. We want to make sure that you're not over applying, that you are following the guidelines and follow—respecting the regulations that are already set in place.

All Things Appleton 23:06

So you do want to separate them out or not?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 23:11

I think that's a valid point of discussion that should occur in committee.

All Things Appleton 23:15

All right. I guess in terms of, you know, you're wanting to prevent runoff. What are the what are the levels right now? Like, kind of the baseline?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 23:24

Sure.

All Things Appleton 23:24

And are you going to be able to, like, tell if this resolution has positively impacted them?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 23:30

I think this is a great idea and a point that has been brought up in discussion before. What I would personally I like to see, I'm a person that's driven by data, I like to see the numbers on things. Right now, the only numbers that exist are from the DNR. And that's saying that the lower Fox River (the area where we are) is an area of concern and has higher than normal phosphorus loadings. Primarily, that's the main fertilizer input. Having said that, the level of resolution on that data isn't where I would like it to be. So if we could get the city to commit dollars and person hours to actually evaluating water quality and runoff from our city, that would be great. Is that the best use of taxpayer money? That's another that's another can of worms.

All Things Appleton 24:21

And how quickly are you going to come in with a resolution for like farms and big parks and things over five acres?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 24:28

It's something we're discussing right now.

All Things Appleton 24:30

Okay, so could we hope maybe to see that later this year?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 24:33

I can't give you a date on that.

All Things Appleton 24:35

Okay. Um. And then I guess we had also gotten into a discussion about, you know, the First Amendment issues about this, where you had said that—um, let me see what was your, I guess, that you want to make this post signage that basically presents a city mandated message. And under the reasoning that "I'm sure you would like to know if and when you are exposed to something that your neighbor was spraying or using that may cause you or loved ones unintended harm."

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 25:17

Correct.

All Things Appleton 25:17

So is there kind of any limiting principle to that? I mean, because there are any number of things that my neighbor could be doing that I may potentially be exposed to that I don't know about.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 25:30

Can you provide some examples?

All Things Appleton 25:32

Well, as I said, in my email to you, like, you know, gun owner at the home, you know, they have guns. Should they be forced to post signage saying they have guns? Or if so if—I mean, I know we have some people in the city who—

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 25:44

We're not talking about this here.

All Things Appleton 25:45

—have tuberculosis. Should they be required to let people know when they go out in public that they have tuberculosis?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 25:52

That's not what this is arguing, right? We're asking people to post signage specifically regarding about the chemicals that being applied on their lawn. That's it.

All Things Appleton 26:02

Yes, but where does that end? You know, what are you comfortable with requiring people to say?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 26:09

I'm not going to comment on that any further, I think what I've said to you is exactly what I mean. We want to make sure that if you're applying a dangerous known carcinogen into the ground, and your pets or loved ones could be exposed to it, you have a right to know. The end. That's it. That's it. That's the point.

All Things Appleton 26:31

That's—this is the limiting principle? You will do it for this and nothing else?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 26:34

What do you mean?

All Things Appleton 26:35

Like require people to post or say city mandated messages in other areas, or you are only going to do it for this?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 26:43

I am exclusively focused on this resolution at the time.

All Things Appleton 26:47

But in the future, you may be in favor of other mandated compelled speech?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 26:53

That is an inappropriate question, and not something I'm going to respond to.

All Things Appleton 26:58

Why? Why is it inappropriate?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 27:00

I think you're trying to put words here in my mouth. I'm focused exclusively on this resolution and the rules that are stated on this resolution. If you want to talk about broader political beliefs, there's a different time for that, if you—but I'm not going to answer any of those questions at this point. **[there were a couple more words at the end of his sentence but they weren't clear on the recording.]**

All Things Appleton 27:13

I had told you in my email, I was kind of interested in your idea of freedom of speech, broadly speaking.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 27:19

And my response in my email will be sufficient.

All Things Appleton 27:23

Which was, well, what I wrote.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 27:25

Correct.

All Things Appleton 27:25

So. Okay, thank you very much. I think that answers most of the questions that I have, I appreciate you—

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 27:33

Thank you.

All Things Appleton 27:34

—meeting with me.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 27:34

Yeah. If you have any follow up questions that I can potentially answer pertaining to this resolution specifically, I will gladly do so.

All Things Appleton 27:43

I guess. I mean. I would—I don't think that doesn't pertain to the resolution. Like this is—

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 27:49

In my opinion, it does.

All Things Appleton 27:50

You know, I—It's a thing that is in this resolution. If it can be done in this for this specific thing, it can be done for any number of other things. So you're opening the door to—

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 28:00

In your opinion.

All Things Appleton 28:01

Well, I, I've lived long enough to see this sort of stuff happen. You know?

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 28:06

We are focused specifically—this conversation is specifically focused on that one resolution and anything else beyond that is taken out of context.

All Things Appleton 28:16

Okay, thank you very much.

Alderperson Israel Del Toro (District 4) 28:18

Yeah. Have a good day.

All Things Appleton 28:19

You too.