

Dear San Antonio GEAA members and friends,

For some years now, GEAA has been working with the City Environmental Advisory Committee and others on a measure that will go a long way towards keeping our water clean. Next month, thanks to District 8 City Councilman, [Ron Nirenberg](#), the San Antonio City Council will be considering a ban on [coal tar sealants](#). The city-wide [Coal Tar Ordinance](#) would ban the use and sale of Coal tar-based sealants within the city limits. Coal tar is the black liquid sprayed or painted on many parking lots, driveways, and playgrounds that, [according to the U.S. Geological Survey](#), emits polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH), which negatively impact waterways and human health.

If this ordinance passes, GEAA will join [San Marcos](#) and [Austin](#) in moving to keep these contaminants out of our waterways - and out of our Aquifer. You can read more [here](#), and [here](#). Click [here](#) to read comments that GEAA sent to the City in support of this ban.

You have until May 29th to send your comments to Liza C Meyer at Liza.Meyer@sanantonio.gov. All we need is for you to send a message saying that you support the ban on coal tar sealants. It would also be helpful to send a message or call [your City Council Representative](#) to let them know that you support this ban.

We are most grateful Councilman Nirenberg for initiating this prohibition on coal-tar-based sealants. We feel that this is an excellent step forward to begin implementing the recommendations included in the [comprehensive water study](#). Further, we compliment City Staff for writing a clear, comprehensive, and enforceable ordinance.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

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