

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Direct the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to Develop a Strategy to Reduce Single-Use Non-Recyclable Plastic Including Plastic Straws (Resolution).

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

Develop a strategy to reduce single-use, non-recyclable plastics with an emphasis on plastic straws.

Disposable, single-use plastic is pervasive in the environment and plastic straws are the seventh most frequently occurring litter globally and sixth in the United States, according to the 2017 Ocean Conservancy report.

The resolution does not require changes to City Code or Administrative Rules.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

The resolution will not generate or reduce current or future revenue, nor will it add new costs for the City of Portland. Implementing this policy fits within existing city functions of outreach, monitoring and enforcement.

Community impacts and community involvement:

Initially, restaurants and other businesses and organizations in the City of Portland that provide straws to customers and employees will be impacted. How they will be impacted and when will be determined by the development of the ordinance.

In response to ocean plastics and litter, many U.S. cities have restricted single-use non-recyclable plastics, such as Seattle, San Francisco, Berkeley and Boulder. The Mayor's office and BPS have received input from Surfrider regarding details of efforts in other communities and the impacts of plastic litter to waterways, including oceans.

Vancouver, British Columbia has learned through the adopted similar policies that include special consideration to hospitals and caregiving organizations that provide service to people that require the use of a plastic straw due to a medical condition. BPS staff will incorporate elements of the lessons learned by other cities into the development of the ordinance.

City staff will engage with various stakeholders in the development of the single-use non-recyclable plastic reduction strategy that will provide greater detail in the proposed ordinance to be submitted in the Fall of 2018.

This policy aligns with the City's waste prevention goals, and continued outreach will occur through the City's sustainable consumption campaign, and food scrap related outreach.

100% Renewable Goal:

This action does not contribute to the renewable energy goal.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet

Does this action change appropriations?

YES: Please complete the information below.

NO: Skip this section

Fund	Fund Center	Commitment Item	Functional Area	Funded Program	Grant	Sponsored Program	Amount