

SINGLE-USE PLASTIC PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS

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Subject: Regarding City Council Agenda item 1180 and 1181, November 14, 2018
Attachments: SF_PDX_Comments_Final.docx

Please find the attached testimony on behalf of the Portland Chapter of Surfrider Foundation regarding agenda items 1180 and 1181, repealing code for single-use Plastic Checkout Bags and Polystrene Foam Food Containers and replace with Code Prohibition and Restriction on Single use Plastic (Ordinance: replace Code Chapter 17.103; repeal Code Sections 17.102.300-400.

Cheers,

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Mayor Wheeler, Members of Portland City Council

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Surfrider Foundation regarding the Report to Portland City Council and the “By-request policy for plastic straws in dine-in areas; as well as an ask-first policy for plastic utensils and condiments for take-out, delivery and fast food orders.”

As one of the nation’s leading advocacy organizations working to mitigate the harms of plastic pollution, the Surfrider Foundation sincerely commends the work of the City of Portland in responding to this significant environmental issue with a policy prescription. The Portland chapter’s Ditch the Straw campaign has proven that there is a community desire on the consumer and business side to respond to plastic pollution and ensure Portland becomes a leader in the growing movement to limit single-use plastics for the protection of the environment. Today, we are expressing our support for the proposed ordinance on single-use plastics and asking the city council to consider a few changes and additions to ensure that that the policy has the intended effect of significantly reducing single-use plastic pollution and influencing consumer behavior.

1. For dine-in situations, Surfrider recommends that Portland also require that restaurants provide only reusable tableware or non-plastic alternatives or consider banning plastic utensils and tableware. Though plastic utensils are more commonly given during takeout, delivery, and fast-food, some restaurants disperse plastic utensils while dining in. This step is also a criterion of Surfrider’s Ocean Friendly Restaurants program along with straws on request. Adding a requirement that restaurants provide reusable tableware or non-plastic single-use cutlery such as wood, bamboo, and other alternatives would make this measure more comprehensive. Additionally, this would help restaurants abide by 2 of the mandatory 5 criteria of the Ocean Friendly Restaurants program and help businesses in Portland on the path to joining the other 12 restaurants that have joined in the city just this year.
2. While we understand that the city has decided to not adopt a ban for single-use plastics such as straws, utensils, stirrers, and lids for this ordinance, Surfrider suggests that the city adopt a provision in the ordinance that would not allow city vendors, departments, food vendors, and any lessees on city property to use or distribute single-use plastic food service ware such as straws, utensils, cups, plates etc. This would help the city set a good example for other businesses to follow and help the city understand how a ban in the future on single-use plastic food service ware beyond polystyrene foam might work and what alternatives work well.

If the city were to adopt these provisions, they would follow in the footsteps of cities like San Francisco, Manhattan Beach, Santa Monica and others who are taking significant steps to cut back on single-use plastics.

Additionally, Surfrider would like the city to consider a robust monitoring component to measure the success of the on-request policy. As regulations on single-use plastics such as straws become common in cities around the country, it is imperative that the city have good data on

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From: Rathfelder, Amy
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Subject: Written testimony from Burgerville for single-use plastics (Items 1180 and 1181)
Attachments: 11.14.18 final testimony.pdf

Hello,

Forwarding on testimony for the record from Burgerville regarding this week's ordinance on single-use plastics, Council agenda items 1180 and 1181.

Thank you!

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November 14, 2018

The Honorable Ted Wheeler
Commissioner Chloe Eudaly
Commissioner Nick Fish
Commissioner Amanda Fritz
Commissioner Dan Saltzman

Dear Mayor Wheeler and Portland City Commissioners:

Burgerville is pleased to support the City of Portland's leadership in environmental stewardship and sustainability, and to urge the adoption of the policy to curb the use of plastic straws, single use plastic utensils, and single use condiment packages.

With 42 restaurants from Centralia, Washington to The Dalles, Oregon, and Corvallis, Oregon, Burgerville is committed to being a steward of practices that restore the environment that we all share. We believe that reducing the prevalence of single-use plastics in our dine-in, take-out, and to-go models is a critical step.

Historically Burgerville has been a leader in educating our guests about sustainability and experimenting with compostable packaging in our dining areas. When the critical infrastructures supporting those investments went away, our community of employees and customers were directly impacted. We are excited by the City's renewed commitment to innovation and leadership in this area. Starting with our Portland restaurants, we see an opportunity to expand the conscientiousness of our employees and enhance the dining experience for our guests.

In most Burgerville restaurants, the single-use condiments and utensils for take-out dining are already behind the counter. For both drive through and take out, we ask every guest if they would like salt or ketchup. Expanding these practices to ask about straws and utensils will not only reduce usage, it also makes good business sense.

In addition, the current packaging for condiments such as ketchup and mustard in our dining areas are tabletop bottles that are non-reusable, but recyclable. Part of our due diligence in implementing this policy will be to explore the feasibility of pump-style dispensers, and the possibility of making single-use drink lids for dine-in customers available by request only.

Lastly, we are eager to partner with the City and other businesses on the procurement of plastics alternatives, such as paper straws, as well as the innovation of new products. As public consciousness of the single use plastics problem grows, the demand for alternatives has put a significant strain on manufacturers. How can the private and public sectors work together to support and emerge a Northwest manufacturing base for non-plastic straws, utensils, and even cups?

We look forward to working with the City to expand these conversations with the public, reduce our reliance on single use plastics, enhance choices for our guests, and improve our business practices. Thank you for your leadership in passing this policy today.

Sincerely,

Jill Taylor
CEO, Burgerville

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