

IMPACT STATEMENT

Legislation title: Amend Restrictions on Single-Use Plastic Serviceware (Ordinance; amend Code Sections 17.103.300-310).

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Purpose of proposed legislation and background information:

Amend Restrictions on Single-Use Plastic Serviceware (Ordinance; amend Code Sections 17.103.300-310).

- Request to extend the effective date from July 1, to October 1. The Oregon legislature likely will be passing a by request straw bill. Originally, the bill had a local government preemption, but that language has been softened to allow for no new local government action on straws after Jan 1, 2020. This has caused uncertainty regarding how our policy will be implemented and resulted in a delay in our notification to affected Portland businesses and institutions. Extending the date would allow for notification and a buffer for businesses that may not be aware the restriction on single-use plastic serviceware is coming.
- Clarification on “compostable” plastics, fast food and electronic ordering. These areas needed a bit more clarification as there were concerns about not being specific enough to be effectively communicated to the community.
- Exemptions. After additional conversations with businesses and further research into plastic straw law implementation in other cities, BPS staff recommend the following exemptions as reasonable accommodations due to high staff to meal ratios, conditions beyond business control, ability preserve food and a nod to community needs in feeding hungry people.

Financial and budgetary impacts:

These amendments will have little financial impact on the City of Portland, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. Outreach and education costs that will occur are covered in the current budget through regular BPS outreach. No additional budget request is necessary.

Community impacts and community involvement:

Work Group Meetings - A work group was formed to discuss policy options to reduce single-use plastics. The group consisted of restaurants, wholesalers, a medical facility, American Disability Act (ADA) straw users, and environmental advocates. Subject matter advisors from Multnomah County, Prosper Portland and the Bureau of Equity and Human Rights participated with the work group to inform the conversation with expertise in the form of restaurant health inspections, economic development and ADA considerations.

Community Outreach Survey - A survey was distributed that focused on City action to reduce single-use plastics. Over 4000 responses resulted from the survey and were overwhelmingly supportive of City action to reduce single-use plastics.

Feedback, Post-Adoption of Policy – Several business and residents of Portland provided feedback on the restrictions on single-use plastic serviceware. This feedback was taken into consideration, along with research to other cities, to develop the exemptions in the proposed amendments,

100% Renewable Goal:

This proposed amendment does not apply to the 100% Renewable Goal.

Budgetary Impact Worksheet**Does this action change appropriations?**

- YES: Please complete the information below.
 NO: Skip this section

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