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PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS AND EPS UTENSILS REGULATION STUDY:

A RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE INTENTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER REGULATION OF SINGLE USE PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS AND DIFFICULT TO RECYCLE OR COMPOST SINGLE USE PLATES, BOWLS, CUPS AND UTENSILS

WHEREAS, the widespread use of difficult to recycle or compost single use plates, bowls, cups and utensils has caused substantial litter and trash problem costly to our citizens, our tax payers, our city and our environment; and

WHEREAS, single use merchandise bags and sacks have caused significant litter and trash problems for Fayetteville, its citizens, taxpayers and environment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council would like to consider the extent and cost of these problems, potential cost-effective substitutes and other remedies and to consult with businesses currently using these articles to listen and respond to their issues and reasonable timing if phase out of these products is warranted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby expressly its intention to consider regulation of several kinds of merchandise bags and sacks and difficult to recycle or compost single use plates, bowls, cups, utensils, etc.

Section 2: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas requests that Mayor Jordan utilize appropriate City Staff to work with the Environmental Action Committee and others to research these issues, to reach out and consult with current business users of these products, to locate potential

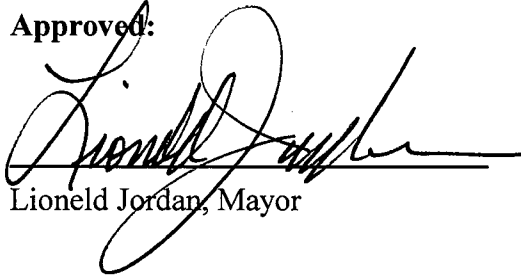
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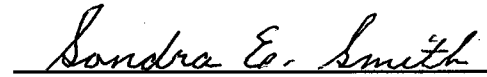
PASSED and APPROVED on 6/4/2019

Approved:



Lioneld Jordan, Mayor

Attest:



Sondra E. Smith, City Clerk Treasurer





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WHEREAS, single use merchandise bags and sacks have caused significant litter and trash problems for Fayetteville, its citizens, taxpayers and environment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council would like to consider the extent and cost of these problems, potential cost-effective substitutes and other remedies and to consult with businesses currently using these articles to listen and respond to their issues and reasonable timing if phase out of these products is warranted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:

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Section 2: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas requests that Mayor Jordan utilize appropriate City Staff to work with the Environmental Action Committee and others to research these issues, to reach out and consult with current business users of these products, to locate potential cost effective replacements for these products and to examine successful programs in other cities and counties to help allieve the single use litter problem.

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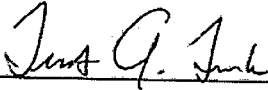
FOR: Council Meeting of June 4, 2019

FROM: Council Member Teresa Turk

ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION TITLE AND SUBJECT:


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APPROVED FOR AGENDA:



Council Member Teresa Turk

May 22, 2019
Date



City Attorney Kit Williams
Approved as to form

May 22, 2019
Date

RESOLUTION NO. _____

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WHEREAS, the widespread use of difficult to recycle or compost single use plates, bowls, cups and utensils has caused substantial litter and trash problem costly to our citizens, our tax payers, our city and our environment; and

WHEREAS, single use plastic shopping bags have caused significant litter and trash problems for Fayetteville, its citizens, taxpayers and environment; and

WHEREAS, the City Council would like to be informed of the extent and cost of these problems, potential cost-effective substitutes and other remedies;

WHEREAS, the City Council would like City staff and members of the Environmental Action Committee to consult with businesses currently using these articles to listen and respond to their issues and reasonable timing if phase out of these products is warranted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:

Section 1: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby expressly its intention to consider regulation of single use plastic shopping bags and difficult to recycle or compost single use plates, bowls, cups, utensils, etc.

Section 2: That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas requests that Mayor Jordan utilize appropriate City Staff to work with the Environmental Action Committee and others to research these issues, to reach out and consult with current business users of these products, to locate potential cost effective replacements for these products and to examine successful programs in other cities and counties in order to help reduce Fayetteville's single use bag, container and utensil litter problem.

PASSED and APPROVED this 4th day of June, 2019.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

By: _____
LIONELD JORDAN, Mayor

By: _____
SONDRA E. SMITH, City Clerk/Treasurer

To the Mayor and the members of the City Council:

I encourage the Council to undertake serious research on the possibility of limiting or prohibiting certain plastics from the city. This is an important and complicated issue. The Demozette editorial of May 12 is already expressing some nervousness about this issue:

“Once someone starts talking about a stronger ban, one that goes beyond city government and starts interfering with what private companies or individuals do, that is, or should be, the kind of sweeping change that deserves research and careful deliberation.”

To secure wide agreement with a strong ban, we should demonstrate the effectiveness other cities have achieved. We are all prone to put environmental considerations behind economic, ignoring the long-term economic effects of polluted water, soil, and air. We are presently the captives of a distribution system based on plastic packaging for almost everything we buy; changing that will be a long-drawn-out affair. But all the more reason for starting to study these issues now. The public must agree that a ban on plastics is worth whatever inconvenience might be required. To encourage the public, Sen. Cotton might be invited to give a speech about sacrifice and heroism.

Meanwhile, this citizen urges you to study the issue thoroughly and determine just what it would take for the City to demonstrate its environmental sensitivity by moving toward a plastics-free place.

Thanks to you all for your service to the community.

Handed out at the 6-4-19 City Council Meeting

CityClerk

From: Williams, Kit
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2019 4:42 PM
To: Turk, Teresa; Mayor; CityClerk
Cc: Jordan, Lioneld
Subject: RE: Consent Agenda Item #7

Categories: FYI

Any Council Member may individually remove any item from the Consent Agenda at the start of the meeting. It will then be heard as New Business at the meeting. Thanks for the heads-up as the City Staff member responsible for this item will know that they need to be present and ready to explain the item.

From: Turk, Teresa
Sent: Monday, June 03, 2019 1:57 PM
To: Mayor <Mayor@fayetteville-ar.gov>; CityClerk <cityclerk@fayetteville-ar.gov>; Williams, Kit <kwilliams@fayetteville-ar.gov>
Subject: Consent Agenda Item #7

Hi All,

I have had a request from a citizen in my ward to move Item #7 under the consent agenda to the regular "New Business" agenda. If it is too late to make this change, when is the cut off? I think there is at least one citizen that would like to comment on this item.

Thanks in advance for your assistance,

Teresa