

RESOLUTION NO. 01-19 (AMENDED)

A RESOLUTION URGING THE REDUCTION OR ELIMINATION OF THE USE OF PLASTIC STRAWS, STIRRERS, UTENSILS, DINNERWARE, AND CONTAINERS

WHEREAS, the City of West Lafayette, County of Tippecanoe, Indiana (the “City”) is committed to environmental conscientiousness and leadership;

WHEREAS, the City finds that it is in the public interest, safety, and welfare to reduce litter and pollutants on the lands and in the waters of the City;

WHEREAS, the City finds that plastic objects, when irresponsibly discarded, pose an environmental hazard to the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens and visitors of the City;

WHEREAS, discarded plastic objects threaten wildlife and degrade and litter the City;

WHEREAS, plastic objects constitute a portion of the litter in the City’s streets, parks, and public places;

WHEREAS, the use and distribution of single-use plastic objects has a detrimental effect on the City’s environment;

WHEREAS, the City finds that there are reasonable, environmentally-friendly alternatives to plastic straws and stirrers; and

WHEREAS the City finds that there are compostable or reusable alternatives to plastic utensils, dinnerware, and containers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE THAT:

All commercial establishments such as a market or restaurant, including fast-food restaurants, beverage provider, or vendors and all educational institutions within West Lafayette, Indiana are urged by the City to cease or reduce the use, provision, distribution, or sale of plastic beverage straws or plastic stirrers.

Recognizing the needs of disabled persons, nothing in this resolution precludes beverage providers from making alternatives available to customers. These alternative straws and stirrers should only be provided upon request by the customer without any inquiry into the disability status of the customer.

Plastic beverage straws or plastic stirrers should not be distributed at any city facility or any city-sponsored event.

FURTHERMORE, All commercial establishments such as a market or restaurant, including fast-food restaurants, beverage provider, or vendors and all educational institutions within West

Lafayette, Indiana are urged by the City to reduce the use, provision, distribution, or sale of plastic utensils, dinnerware, and containers and to seek to replace them with compostable or reusable alternatives.

Definitions.

- (a) "Plastic Straw" means a tube made predominately of plastic derived from either petroleum, polystyrene, polypropylene, polyethylene.
- (b) "Plastic Stirrer" means a device that is used to mix beverages, intended for only one-time use, and made predominately from plastic derived from petroleum, polystyrene, polypropylene, polyethylene.
- (c) "City-Sponsored Event" means any event organized or sponsored by the City or any department of the City.
- (d) "Beverage Provider" means any business, fast-food restaurant, vendor, organization, entity, group, or individual located in the City that offers liquid, frozen, semi-frozen, or other forms of beverages to the public for consumption.
- (e) "Distribution" or to "distribute" means the vending, sale, giving, deployment, or delivering for any purpose of a plastic straw or plastic stirrer, other than as defined herein, whether or not incident to the sale, vending, or provision of any kind of beverage in a container.

INTRODUCED ON FIRST READING ON THE 4 DAY OF February, 2019.

MOTION TO ADOPT MADE BY COUNCILOR Jones, AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR Thomas.

DULY RESOLVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA, ON THE 4 DAY OF February, 2019, HAVING BEEN PASSED BY A VOTE OF 7 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED, THE ROLL CALL VOTE BEING:

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Bunder	✓			
DeBoer	✓			
Dietrich	✓			
Jones	✓			
Keen			✓	
Leverenz			✓	

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTAIN
Sanders	✓			
Thomas	✓			
Wang	✓			

Peter Bunder
Peter Bunder, Presiding Officer

Attest:

Sana G. Booker
Sana G. Booker, Clerk



PRESENTED BY ME TO THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE, INDIANA ON THE 5 DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019.

Sana G. Booker
Sana G. Booker, Clerk

THIS RESOLUTION APPROVED AND SIGNED BY ME ON THE 6 DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019.

John R. Dennis
John R. Dennis, Mayor

Attest:

Sana G. Booker
Sana G. Booker, Clerk

