



Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: July 11, 2016

FROM: CITY ATTORNEY

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 8 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 8.67 PROHIBITING THE DISTRIBUTION OF PREPARED FOOD OR BEVERAGES IN ANY POLYSTYRENE FOOD SERVICE WARE.

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 8.67 TO TITLE 8 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE PROHIBITING THE DISTRIBUTION OF PREPARED FOOD OR BEVERAGES IN ANY POLYSTYRENE FOOD SERVICE WARE.

PURPOSE OF ORDINANCE

At its meeting on May 9, 2016, the City Council directed the City Attorney's Office to prepare this Ordinance. Addition of a new chapter accommodates regulation of polystyrene food service ware as there is no similar prohibition elsewhere in the Municipal Code. This Ordinance supports the City's Green City Action Plan and the Zero Waste Strategic Plan adopted by the City Council in October of 2014. The City Attorney's Office drafted the proposed ordinance to implement the directions provided by the City Council to staff on this topic. The effective date of this ordinance will be 30 days after publication. Consistent with City Council direction, the text of the Ordinance provides 12 months from the effective date of the Ordinance for "food providers" to come into compliance with its terms.

REASON WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED

The City has not previously regulated polystyrene food service ware. Adding a new Chapter 8.67 prohibiting the distribution of prepared food or beverages in polystyrene food service ware is therefore necessary. Title 8 can only be amended by ordinance.

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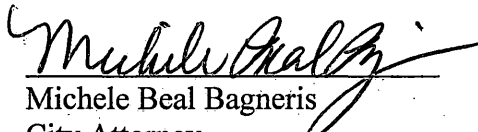
PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED

Regulating polystyrene food service ware supports the City's Green City Action Plan and the Zero Waste Strategic Plan. It will require some businesses to modify their inventory of food service ware and will address community concerns with polystyrene waste pollution.

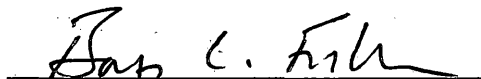
FISCAL IMPACT

The fiscal impact associated with this recommendation is anticipated to be small. Existing staff and budgeted resources will be utilized to the extent possible for providing technical assistance to impacted businesses and conducting community outreach and educations. Staff anticipates spending up to \$5,000 of the FY2016 Waste Reduction/Recycling budget for print ads and flyers publicizing the Ordinance and educating the business community.


Respectfully submitted,


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