

Ordinance Fact Sheet

TO:

City Council

DATE: June 21, 2021

FROM:

City Attorney

SUBJECT: DISPOSABLE ACCESSORY FOODWARE ITEMS ORDINANCE

TITLE OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE:

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PASADENA ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 8.63 OF THE PASADENA MUNICIPAL CODE ENTITLED "DISPOSABLE ACCESSORY FOODWARE ITEM OPT-IN REQUIREMENT FOR RESTAURANTS AND THIRD-PARTY APP-BASED DELIVERY PLATFORMS"

PURPOSE OF THE ORDINANCE:

The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the dispensing of disposable accessory foodware items to reduce waste by requiring restaurants and other food services providers to provide disposable accessory foodware items only upon request by the customer, and to require third-party app-based delivery platforms to include an option for customers to request disposable accessory foodware items with their food and beverage orders. This ordinance also supports the City's adopted Green City Action Plan goals of reducing the volume of landfill waste; reducing the use of disposable product category; protecting the watershed; and helping to promote a clean and sustainable environment.

REASONS WHY LEGISLATION IS NEEDED:

At its April 12, 2021 meeting, the City Council directed the City Attorney to prepare this ordinance.

PROGRAMS, DEPARTMENTS OR GROUPS AFFECTED:

The Public Works Department and Department of Public Health will be affected by this ordinance.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

On April 12, 2021, the Council determined that the proposed action is exempt from review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the "general rule" that CEQA only applies to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Staff anticipates spending up to \$10,000 of the Fiscal Year 2021 Waste/Recycling budget for print ads publicizing the ordinance and for printing flyers and other program materials to educate the business community and public about this new requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

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