

TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Information for Town Council Meeting on: June 11, 2019

To: Mayor and Town Council

Via: Kirk Blouin, Town Manager

From: Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager

Re: Consideration of an Ordinance to Prohibit Single-Use Plastic Straws
Ordinance No. 23-2019

Date: June 3, 2019

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Town Council consider approval of the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-2019, prohibiting single-use plastic straws and stirrers, as recommended by the Ordinances, Standards and Rules Committee.

GENERAL INFORMATION

At the May 14, 2019, Town Council meeting, the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-2019 was initially presented for Council consideration as recommended by the Ordinances, Rules and Standards Committee. After some discussion at the May 14 meeting said ordinance was deferred to the May 15 Town Council meeting. After further discussion at the May 15 Council meeting the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-2019 was eventually tabled and remanded back to ORS by the Town Council for further review and revision.

Subsequent to the Council meeting, staff worked with ORS Chair, Julie Araskog, to determine ways to strengthen said ordinance by including language used by a variety of other communities who have already implemented prohibitions. The attached includes revisions to Ordinance No. 23-2019, originally considered by Town Council, and includes additional/substitute language borrowed from communities such as Bal Harbour, Ft. Lauderdale, Surfside, Coral Gables, and Miami Beach.

Also included in your back-up is an example of educational material the Town will use to help educate the public about the importance of this effort, along with other environmental initiatives underway, during the phase in period. This information puts into clear perspective the importance of efforts intended to minimize plastic litter in our waters and along our shorelines.

TOWN ATTORNEY REVIEW

Ordinance No. 23-2019 was prepared by and approved by the Town Attorney for legal form and sufficiency.

Attachments

cc: John C. Randolph, Town Attorney