



MEMORANDUM

P.O. Box 4100 † FRISCO, COLORADO 80443

TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL
FROM: HILARY SUEOKA, ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS COORDINATOR
RE: ORDINANCE 23-18 SINGLE USE PLASTICS REDUCTION
DATE: JULY 25, 2023

Summary and Background:

Due to the many issues related to single use plastics during all lifecycle phases, Environmental Programs staff returns to Council with an ordinance to reduce single use plastic in the Frisco community.

On November 8, 2022, Environmental Programs staff first brought forward a conversation during work session on single use plastics and was directed by Council Members to return with more information on water bottle bans, “skip the stuff” style ordinances, and clarification on requirements of the Plastic Pollution Reduction Act [HB 21-1162 \(PPRA\)](#)

On March 14, 2023, Environmental Programs Staff returned to Council for a second work session and was directed to return with an ordinance including:

- ban on sale or provision of single use plastic water bottles under 1 gallon,
- ban on single use plastic cups in municipal facilities, events, or leased spaces,
- requirement for all single use plastic items (including utensils, condiments, straws, stirrers, and napkins) to be on request only for take-out food, and
- updates to the Town's Plastic Bag Ban and Single Use Bag Fee Ordinance to align with the PPRA.

Over the last few months, Town Staff have sent communications to impacted small and large businesses, met with internal and external stakeholders, and strategized implementation. During the March 14 work session, Council requested that the implementation of this ordinance arrive in conjunction with related programs to assist businesses and residents with the change. While implementation of most pieces of this ordinance will not go into effect until January or July 2024, Staff has worked diligently to create a holistic package to accompany this ordinance including a grant program to assist small businesses to implement reuse and waste reduction projects.

Analysis: Based on lessons learned and best practices from other municipalities, the updates to Frisco's Plastic Bag Ban and Bag Fee Ordinance to better align with the PPRA are located in a separate Ordinance, 23-19. Ordinance 23-19 contains the change to language that would permit remitted bag fees be used to fund a small business grant program. This will be presented

subsequently and requires a separate vote.

Stakeholder feedback has been largely positive, and exclusively positive from small business owners as of the writing of this staff report.

Financial Impact: Since the Town has already switched to aluminum bottled water for events and encourages attendees to bring their own water bottles by providing water bottle filling stations, the only costs incurred to the town from immediate actions (effective upon signing,) would be finding a different option for single-use plastic cups. Switching to reusable or aluminum cups instead of plastic would be feasible but would increase costs. Other substitutes such as paper cups may not have an increased cost compared to plastic. The main location for this change will be Island Grill.

For bans effective January 1, 2024 (polystyrene) and July 1, 2024 (skip the stuff, single use plastic water bottles) there would not be a financial impact to the Town. Restaurants will likely save money by avoided cost of single use items with every to-go order, and switching from polystyrene take out boxes or bowls to a different material should be comparable, though may possibly increase costs depending on material chosen. If a restaurant chooses to try a reusable option, the small business grant could assist with this transition.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Reducing the amount of single-use plastic provided to customers supports implementation of Environmental Stewardship Goals and the Climate Action Plan as listed within the Sustainable Environment Strategic Priority.

Environmental Sustainability: Initiatives to reduce single-use items support the Waste goals within the Summit Community Climate Action Plan and goals created from the Summit Community Zero Waste Task Force.

Staff Recommendation: Staff requests that Council provide any feedback or requested changes to Ordinance 23-18. If no requested edits, staff recommends that Council approve Ordinance 23-18 on first reading.

Approved By:

Tom Fisher, Town Manager
Diane McBride, Assistant Town Manager
Leslie Edwards, Finance Director

Attachments:

Attachment 1 – Ordinance 23-18