



Cathedral City

Legislation Text

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City Council

MEETING DATE: 8/29/2018

TITLE:

Ordinance Banning Plastic Straws

FROM:

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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council introduce and provide first reading, by title only, to an ordinance banning plastic straws from distribution by restaurants in Cathedral City.

BACKGROUND:

Mayor Pro Tem Greg Pettis requested that an item be placed on the Study Session Agenda to discuss whether the City Council would like to consider an Ordinance banning plastic straws. Council discussed the proposal during study session on August 8, 2018 and asked for an ordinance to be prepared for consideration on August 29.

DISCUSSION:

Staff, utilizing the City Clerk's listserve, requested copies of Ordinances that have been adopted by other cities banning plastic straws. The following is a list of cities that responded that they have an ordinance banning straws and/or acceptable packaging and products:

San Luis Obispo
Malibu
Sant Cruz
Ojai

The City of Santa Barbara will be considering this in September. The ordinances received are attached for your information.

The draft ordinance for consideration is attached. It includes provisions for a waiting period of 90 after the effective date of the ordinance to give businesses a chance to use their existing plastic straw inventory. After the waiting period restaurants in Cathedral City will not be allowed to provide

plastic straws to patrons. There is an exception in the law for disabled persons who may receive a straw upon request.

Information on the ordinance, if adopted, will be distributed via mailers to restaurants, through the City website and social media and via the Chamber of Commerce. Karen Riley of the Scrap Gallery has indicated that her students would like to prepare educational materials as well citing the benefits to the environment of going straw free.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There will be some minor costs associated with the preparation and mailing of notices to businesses.

ATTACHMENTS:

Ordinance banning plastic beverage straws

Malibu

Santa Cruz

San Luis Obispo

Ojai