



COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

DATE: December 11, 2024

TITLE: REFERRAL TO THE LAND USE AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE TO DISCUSS STRENGTHENING THE CITY'S GREEN PROCUREMENT POLICIES WITH REGARD TO SINGLE-USE PLASTIC FOOD SERVICE ARTICLES AND ENCOURAGE THE USE OF ALTERNATIVES, AND CONSIDER GUIDELINES FOR THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE, AS PART OF FUTURE CITY CONTRACTS, ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON THE USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTICS AND COMMITMENTS TO USE ALTERNATIVE PRODUCTS.

RECOMMENDATION

BACKGROUND/HISTORY

Please place the above item on the December 11, 2024 City Commission meeting agenda as a referral to the Land Use and Sustainability Committee ("LUSC").

The City currently has robust regulations pertaining to the sale and use of single-use plastics including expanded polystyrene food service articles (also known as "Styrofoam"), single-use plastic beverage straws, and single-use plastic stirrers. These rules apply to City facilities and properties; City vendors and special event permittees; and food service providers and retail stores located in Miami Beach. Additionally, pursuant to the City's sidewalk café concession agreements, plastic bags cannot be provided by sidewalk café concessionaires.

Through the City's #PlasticFreeMB program, the City provides guidance and recognizes businesses that have taken action to reduce plastics and implement best practices in the area of environmental stewardship. As part of #PlasticFreeMB, the City encourages and recognizes businesses that adopt alternatives to single-use plastic food service articles.

Earlier this year, the Finance and Economic Resiliency Committee recommended incorporating "Skip the Stuff" in the City's outdoor dining concession agreement and food-service related leases, as well the #PlasticFreeMB program.

The purpose of this referral is to study how to strengthen the City's green procurement policies to reduce the use of single-use plastics, and encourage the use of alternative products in City purchasing. I would also like the LUSC to consider guidelines for the City Manager to negotiate, as part of future City contracts, additional restrictions on the use of single-use plastics and commitments to use alternative products.

ANALYSIS

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

n/a

Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate? (FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:

See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notice/>

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CONCLUSION

Applicable Area

Citywide

Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?

Yes

Is this item related to a G.O. Bond Project?

No

Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481, includes a principal engaged in lobbying? No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

Department

Office of Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

Sponsor(s)

Commissioner Tanya K. Bhatt

Co-sponsor(s)

Condensed Title

Ref: LUSC - Green Procurement and Single-use Plastics. (Bhatt)