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The City is currently considering implementing a *Straws-On-Request* ordinance which would require restaurants, and other food-service providers, to withhold plastic beverage straws unless a customer requests them (CF# 18-0053). This effort seeks to curtail the impact that plastic beverage straws are having on the environment and the aesthetic quality of local communities.

Spent plastic beverage straws usually end up in landfills where they leach into the soil. In other instances, they end up in the stormdrains and local waterbodies where they can be harmful to marine life.


Various Cities throughout the country have either implemented or are considering a *Straws-On-Request* ordinance.

The City of Seattle, Washington recently implemented strong controls on plastic straws and plastic utensils. The City of Seattle has included plastic utensils in their regulation because they are known to have similar negative effects on the environment and local communities.

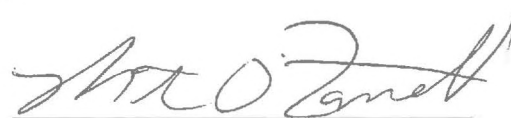
In order to ensure the City's efforts are most protective of the environment, the City should consider adopting a *Plastic Utensils-On-Request* ordinance as well.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Bureau of Sanitation (BOS) be instructed to report to the City Council in 60 days on the feasibility of implementing a *Plastic Utensils-On-Request* ordinance which requires restaurants, and other food service providers, to withhold plastic utensils unless a customer requests them.

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