

# Plastic Straws

City Council  
City of South San Francisco  
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# Agenda

- I. Problem & Need
- II. Existing Legislation
- III. Current Efforts
- IV. Next Steps

# Why is this a Problem?

- ▶ Over 500 million straws every day
- ▶ Microplastics are a problem for marine life
- ▶ Plastics are found in sea salt, U.S. tap water, and shellfish



# Existing Legislation - State Law

- ▶ Assembly Bill 1884 (Calderon)
  - ▶ Prohibits full service restaurant from providing single use plastic straws unless requested
  - ▶ Violations
  - ▶ Enforcement

# Existing SSF Ordinance

- ▶ SSFMC 8.60.10 Green Food Packaging
  - ▶ Prohibits any food vendor from packaging food in polystyrene
  - ▶ Disposable food service ware must be biodegradable, compostable, reusable or recyclable food service ware.
  - ▶ All city facilities will use biodegradable, compostable, reusable, or recyclable food service ware
  - ▶ Exemptions
  - ▶ Violations

# Model Ordinance - City of Malibu

## ► City of Malibu MMC 9.24.045

- Effective June 1, 2018
- Bans straws, plastic stirrers, plastic cutlery (including bioplastics)
- Alternatives encouraged
- Non-plastic alternatives only by request
- Distribution at any city facility or city sponsored event is prohibited





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# Local Efforts - City of Pacifica

- ▶ Effective November 13, 2018
- ▶ Only city in San Mateo County to ban disposable foodservice ware
- ▶ All that rent or use City of Pacifica facilities are prohibited from using plastic straws, plastic stirrers, or plastic cutlery
- ▶ Phased-in approach - “undue hardship”
- ▶ Complaint basis enforcement

## County-led Efforts

- ▶ SMC Office of Sustainability developing a Disposable Food Service Ware Ordinance
- ▶ Serve as model for local governments
- ▶ Draft to Board of Supervisors by late Spring or Summer 2019
- ▶ Events
  - ▶ NextGen Foodware Ordinance - December 2018
  - ▶ Rethink Disposable Program with Clean Water Fund

# Next Steps

- ▶ Status Quo
- ▶ Wait & See
- ▶ Ordinance

**Recommendation:** Council provide direction on guidelines for a draft ordinance.



# Ordinance Guidance

- ▶ Full Service and Fast Food
- ▶ Only plastic straws?
- ▶ Enforcement
- ▶ Timeframe

# Thank you!

Questions?

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