



Plastics Ordinance Discussion

City Commission June 13, 2024

Presented by:

Department of Sustainable Development
and

Public Works

Background



- September 10, 2020 – Pass Up Plastic Resolution No. 2020-063 approved by the Commission
 - Encourage City operations and community, including businesses, to participate.
 - All new development asked to participate during DRC review.
 - Campaign web page launched asking the community to pledge to reduce plastic use known as “Pass Up Plastics.”
 - Department Staff Assistants instructed on how to participate for all internal functions.
- Fall 2023– Community brings Gainesville Ordinances to the attention of the Commission
- December 7, 2023 – Staff addresses concerns with a memo to the City Manager, requesting direction
- February 8, 2024– Commission meeting discussion asking staff to prepare language for discussion



Gainesville Ordinance 210129



Goals, Pros, & Cons

Division 4 – Single-Use Plastic and Polystyrene Products

- Prohibition on plastic straws and stirrers:
 - Gainesville most restrictive (paper straw only)
 - Meant to reduce impact of litter
 - A cost reduction to some businesses
- Single-use plastic food accessories available on request:
 - Recommended signage to convey educational message
- Prohibition of expanded polystyrene containers on City Property or City ROW:
 - Costs associated with the implementation of this requirement
- Prohibition of intentional release outdoors of plastic confetti, glitter, and balloons:
 - Existing State Statute that covers the basics
- Enforcement, penalties, injunctive relief:
 - Punitive enforcement

Coconut Creek Goals



- **Single-Use Plastic Ordinance**

- Reduce waste entering the landfill by restricting supply of unneeded single-use utensils and condiment packages
- Utensils and straws upon request
- Exempt utensils integral to consuming (soup, ice cream in a bowl, etc.)
- Provide signage notifying customers of the need to request accessories, or self-serve station where the customers take what they need
- Enforcement via sign usage



Coconut Creek Goals



- **Polystyrene**

- Re-launch existing City internal checklist
- Reduce use on City property over time using checklist
- Include as policy as part of the “Sustainable Creek” policies underway through Parks and Sustainable Development
- Continue education via “Pass Up Plastics” campaign



Coconut Creek Goals



- **Release of plastic balloons, confetti, and glitter**
 - Existing State Statute FS 379.233 limits the release of party balloons
 - Include as policy as part of the “Sustainable Creek” policies underway through Parks and Sustainable Development
 - Continue education via “Pass Up Plastics” campaign



Coconut Creek Cost Considerations



- **Cost**
 - Small business can save over \$3K per year on plastic accessories
 - Many franchisees have transitioned to self-serve areas for accessories



Coconut Creek



Staff Recommendations

- **Existing Resolution No. 2020-063**
 - Reduction of expanded polystyrene containers on City Property through checklist
 - Discourage the intentional release outdoors of plastic confetti, glitter, and balloons
 - Expand education of Resolution and “Pass Up Plastics” campaign
- **New Single-Use Plastic Ordinance**
 - Definitions
 - Plastic straws and stirrers on request
 - Single-use plastic food accessories available on request
 - City to offer signage graphic for indoor business use; printed signage available for outdoor use
 - Enforcement through required signage
 - Ban on plastic confetti, glitter, and balloons

