

City of Santa Rosa



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Title:	PUBLIC HEARING - INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AMENDING TITLE 9 OF THE SANTA ROSA CITY CODE BY ADDING CHAPTER 9-30, ZERO WASTE FOOD WARE ORDINANCE				

BACKGROUND: Production and management associated with single-use food ware, typically used for a short period of time, and then discarded, has significant environmental impacts. These environmental impacts include environmental contamination, consumption of energy, water and non-renewable fossil fuels, emission of greenhouse gases, air and water pollutants, depletion of natural resources, plastic litter on streets and waterways and increased litter clean-up and waste management costs.

It is imperative that societal shifts occur in individual consumption and policies are designed to reduce our collective usage and reliance on single-use plastic material. The practice of freely giving out single-use food ware encourages customers and food facilities to pay little attention to the quantity of disposable packaging products they consume and the associated environmental impact.

The City Council Climate Action Subcommittee has reviewed the Zero Waste Sonoma model food ware ordinance along with more aggressive approaches brought forward by staff. The proposed Zero Waste Food Ware Ordinance is designed to reduce the use and disposal of single-use food ware that contribute to street litter, marine pollution, harm to wildlife, greenhouse gas emissions and waste sent to landfill. The Climate Action Subcommittee has reviewed the Ordinance and recommended bringing it forward to the full City Council for adoption.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department that the City Council introduce an ordinance amending Title 9 of the Santa Rosa City Code by adding Chapter 9-30, Zero Waste Food Ware Ordinance.

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