

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 – 3994

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA, ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS, INDIVIDUALS USING OR RENTING PUBLIC FACILITIES, AND BUSINESSES TO USE ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY OR REUSABLE ALTERNATIVES TO SINGLE-USE PLASTICS AND EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE FOOD SERVICE ARTICLES; PROVIDING FOR AUTHORIZATION; PROVIDING FOR IMPLEMENTATION; PROVIDING FOR TRANSMITTAL; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Miami Springs (the “City”) is committed to environmental conscientiousness and leadership and the preservation and enhancement of the City’s environment; and

WHEREAS, single-use plastic carry-out bags, containers, cups, straws, and utensils (collectively, “Single-Use Plastics”) and expanded polystyrene food service articles (“Styrofoam”) can have a detrimental effect on the City’s environment; and

WHEREAS, discarded Single-Use Plastics and Styrofoam can contribute to overburdened landfills, threaten wildlife and marine life, and degrade and litter public places, which include areas within the City; and

WHEREAS, Single-Use Plastics and Styrofoam constitute a portion of the litter in the City’s streets, parks, and public places; and

WHEREAS, reusable or environmentally-friendly alternatives to Single-Use Plastics and Styrofoam are now pervasive and widely available; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires that the City’s operations make all reasonable efforts to conserve precious resources and reduce waste and pollution whenever feasible by reducing the use of Single-Use Plastics and Styrofoam at all department levels; and

WHEREAS, the City Council encourages residents and businesses to do the same by making conscious decisions to conserve resources and reduce the use of Single-Use Plastics and Styrofoam, for example, frequent customers should bring their own coffee cups to cafes and food establishments should provide drinking water, straws, and bags upon request; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further desires to encourage residents, individuals using or renting park facilities and other public facilities, and businesses to reduce the use of and replace Single-Use Plastics and Styrofoam food service articles with reusable or environmentally-friendly alternatives whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further desires to authorize the City Manager to collaborate and engage in a public awareness campaign with the City's Ecology Board to conserve our precious resources, reduce waste and pollution, and promote the use of reusable or environmentally-friendly alternatives to Single-Use Plastics and Styrofoam; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that this Resolution is necessary for the preservation of the environment, public health, safety, and welfare of the City's residents and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals Adopted. That each of the recitals stated above is hereby adopted and confirmed.

Section 2. Encouraging. That the City Council hereby encourages residents, individuals using or renting park and public facilities, and businesses to replace Single-Use Plastics and Styrofoam with environmentally-friendly, reusable, recyclable, or compostable alternatives.

Section 3. Authorization. That the City Manager is authorized to collaborate and engage in a public awareness campaign with the City's Ecology Board to promote the use of reusable or environmentally-friendly alternatives to Single-Use Plastics and Styrofoam.

Section 4. Implementation. That the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to take any action that is reasonably necessary to implement the purpose of this Resolution.

Section 5. Transmittal. That the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit this Resolution to the Miami-Dade County League of Cities.

Section 6. Effective Date. That this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption hereof.

The foregoing Resolution was offered by Councilman Best who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Councilman Vazquez and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Vice Mayor Dr. Walter Fajet	<u>YES</u>
Councilwoman Bob Best	<u>YES</u>
Councilwoman Jacky Bravo	<u>YES</u>
Councilman Dr. Victor Vazquez	<u>YES</u>
Mayor Maria Puente Mitchell	<u>YES</u>

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 25th day of April, 2022.



MARIA PUENTE MITCHELL
MAYOR

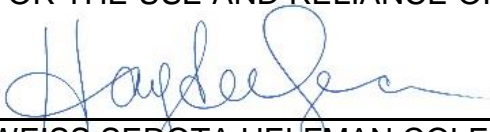
ATTEST:



ERIKA GONZALEZ, MMC
CITY CLERK



APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY
FOR THE USE AND RELIANCE OF THE CITY OF MIAMI SPRINGS ONLY:



WEISS SEROTA HELFMAN COLE & BIERMAN, P.L.
CITY ATTORNEY