

CITY COUNCIL E-MAILS

December 21, 2020

Council Meeting

ADDENDUM

The following e-mails were received:

December 18, 2020 (after 9:00 p.m.) – **December 21, 2020** (before 4:00 p.m.)

If you need further information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 610-7208.

From: [Robert J Fiandaca via FormMail.com](mailto:Robert.J.Fiandaca@formmail.com)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: *Recognition of the People and History of Portsmouth's North End
Date: Sunday, December 20, 2020 1:46:22 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Robert J Fiandaca (genco128@comcast.net) on Sunday, December 20, 2020 at 12:46:20

address: 66 Trestle Way, Dover, NH 03820

comments: I am unable to attend the City Council meeting on Monday Dec 21 but I wanted to express my concern regarding the Assistant Mayors discussion about the recognition of the People and History of Portsmouth's North End. Please see my comments below.

To the Mayor and City Council Members

My name is Bob Fiandaca who was born and raised in Portsmouth on the former Russell St. The homes on this street and all the homes in the entire North End neighborhood were taken from the people who lived there through a process of urban renewal in the sixties as you know. This process was devastating to my family and all the families who lived there. My grandmother, Rose Fiandaca, lived there during that time and I witnessed first hand the agony and sadness that these people endured with the taking of their homes. My grandparents immigrated to this country from Sicily in the early nineteen hundreds as was the case of many of their neighbors. They came to this country with nothing but the faith that in America they would find a new way of life that would afford them to own their own homes and raise their families. After a brief stay in Boston my grandparents found their dream home in Portsmouth at 35 Russell St. For them this was to be the place where they would raise their !

family and live out their lives. This scenario was the same for many of the people who owned homes in the north end. These hard-working people lived their lives as good American citizens, believed in God and had faith in the leaders of their government both national and local. Many including my grandmother could not understand why the City wanted to take their homes after they had always paid their taxes and followed the laws the City imposed on them.

The North End in those days was a very friendly area where everyone knew each other. There was no locking of doors and everyone respected each other. It was mainly an Italian neighborhood. These people contributed to the City of Portsmouth in many ways only to have the City devastate them by taking their homes and end a way of life and culture that was a great loss to them and to the City. These people deserve to be recognized in some way as the people who lost their homes and neighborhoods to make way for all the development that is taking place there at their expense. I implore the council to consider recognizing these people in some way in their old neighborhood as the City has previously done for other ethnic cultures in our City. Thank you and a special thanks to the Assistant Mayor Jim Splaine for pursuing this discussion and his efforts to recognize the people of the old North End neighborhood

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From: [Donna Westbrook via FormMail.com](mailto:Donna.Westbrook@comcast.net)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: 24-hour warming center for people who are homeless and live outside
Date: Sunday, December 20, 2020 3:30:12 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Donna Westbrook (dmwestbrook@comcast.net) on Sunday, December 20, 2020 at 02:30:10

address: 76 Manor Drive, Portsmouth, NH

comments: To the city manager, mayor, and city council members,

This letter is in response to the assistant mayor Jim Splaine, bringing up warming centers at the last city council meeting. I listened to his comments, the very quick 'update' by the city manager, and was really disappointed but not surprised that no other city council member had anything to say about this very important issue.

I wrote something for the city manager, the mayor, and other city council members, titled.. 'What is 2 minutes and 34 seconds?'

What is 2 minutes and 34 seconds?

- A.) the amount of time, since last winter, that the city council spent talking about the McIntyre Project.
- B.) the amount of time, since last winter, that the city council spent talking about PopUpNH.
- C.) the amount of time, since last winter, that the city council spent talking about city councilor Esther Kennedy.
- D.) the amount of time, since last winter, that the city council spent talking about a 24 hour winter warming center in Portsmouth.

The answer is D. The amount of time, since last winter, that the city council spent talking about a 24 hour winter warming center in Portsmouth.

Speaks volumes.

Sincerely,
Donna Westbrook
76 Manor Drive
Portsmouth, NH 039801
603-957-9054

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From: [Janet L Polasky via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: ban on single use plastics
Date: Sunday, December 20, 2020 2:55:25 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Janet L Polasky (janet.polasky@gmail.com) on Sunday, December 20, 2020 at 13:55:23

address: 62 MENDUM AVE

comments: I would like to add my voice to the articulate and eloquent chorus imploring this City Council not to delay the implementation of the ban on single use plastics as passed by the previous council.

The climate change that is already threatening our children and grandchildren's future is not slowing because we are coping with Covid. Portsmouth High School students rallied to remind us of that. Scientists around the world, including my brother, remind us of the urgency of action now.

Surely the city of Portsmouth can do more than one thing at a time! thank you for the mask mandate. Please now let Portsmouth live up to its promise as an environmentally-conscious community. Our location would seem to make that all the more urgent.

Janet Polasky

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From: [Donna Westbrook via FormMail.com](#)
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Subject: Dedication to the old North End Neighborhood
Date: Monday, December 21, 2020 5:02:28 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Donna Westbrook (dmwestbrook@comcast.net) on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 04:02:20

address: 76 Manor Drive, Portsmouth, NH

comments: To the mayor and city council members,

This will be my second letter to you regarding a permanent way to remember the old The North End neighborhood in Portsmouth, and its people. I wrote one last week bringing the subject up, but would like to write again and re-iterate how important it is to not only the people, living and deceased who once lived in the beloved neighborhood, but to the history of Portsmouth as a whole. The story of the old North End speaks about the diversity of a neighborhood, their immigration stories, their community spirit, their families and small businesses, and their resilience in the face of urban renewal. I think the dedication to this neighborhood should tell that story.. My great grandfather, my grandparents and the family they raised on Raynes Ave. is my connection to The North End. I especially remember my loving grandfather who later in life was a cook at Jarvis Restaurant in town.

Sincerely,
Donna Westbrook
76 Manor Drive
Portsmouth, NH 03801

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From: [Judy Miller via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Don't Delay Ban on Single-use Plastics
Date: Saturday, December 19, 2020 4:32:16 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Judy Miller (jamiller37@gmail.com) on Saturday, December 19, 2020 at 15:32:14

address: 77 Hanover St. #7

comments: Please do the right thing for Portsmouth, an eco-municipality. Our throw-away culture is not sustainable. The vote by the City Council in October 2019 took years of hard work and leadership. Now, this council is attempting to reverse these ordinances by delaying for two years. Please consider Councilor Lazenby's proposal to enact the ordinances but delay their enforcement is a sensible compromise. Many have voices support to enact the ordinances - from the Chamber of Commerce to our high school students. I urge you to vote to do the right thing and enact the ordinances. Thank you.

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From: [Matthew Glenn via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Don't delay the single use disposable ordinances
Date: Monday, December 21, 2020 9:46:00 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Matthew Glenn (matthglenn@gmail.com) on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 08:45:57

address: 34 Harrison Ave Portsmouth

comments: Dear Mayor and Councilors,

A question for you-- what businesses or event organizers have asked for a delay of the two ordinances regarding single-use disposables? What exactly is their great hardship, and how does this have anything to do with the COVID-19 pandemic? I've watched the council meetings and heard overwhelming support, but heard no real logical reason from business owners or from councilors for delay.

These ordinances were debated and fine tuned over a year ago, and city businesses have had plenty of time to plan and source alternatives to polystyrene. It's long past time we started making what small steps we can to limit single-use disposables.

Matthew Glenn

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From: [andrew bagley via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Free Holiday Parking
Date: Sunday, December 20, 2020 9:18:23 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
andrew bagley (abagley21@gmail.com) on Sunday, December 20, 2020 at 20:18:21

address: 40 Chauncey Street

comments: Dear Honorable Mayor, Assistant Mayor, and City Council,

It has come to my attention that you eliminated free holiday parking this year due to the pandemic. I think our retailers are having a difficult time and free holiday parking would encourage people to shop in town instead of online. Please bring this tradition back, especially when our shops need any help they can get.

Best regards,
Andrew Bagley

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From: [Lennie Mullaney via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Plastic bags and utensils
Date: Sunday, December 20, 2020 2:19:01 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Lennie Mullaney (lennie.mullaney@gmail.com) on Sunday, December 20, 2020 at 13:18:58

address: 579 Sagamore Ave #52

comments: I am opposed to postponing the city ban on single use plastic bags, eating utensils, straws, styrofoam cups or food containers. To delay the implementation of the ban on plastics because we are fighting the COVID pandemic is nonsense. COVID is not caused by using one's own cloth bags in stores. Plastic, as science has well proven, is polluting our waterways, is absorbed into the human body disrupting hormones, is killing over 100,00 marine animals yearly, is clogging our landfills - releasing polyvinyl chloride and is generating litter. Plastic is made from polyethylene, gas, coal and crude oil. Thus, wherever plastic is manufactured, it pollutes the air with toxic carcinogenic chemicals like cadmium, dioxins and more, harming the health of those living closest to the plants. Pushing off the ban on plastics will not help reduce the spread of COVID. They are not connected. Cleaning up our environment should not be delayed for any reason. Healthier water, a! ir and earth can only benefit all people, improve everyone's health and that should be a sacred goal.

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From: [Benjamin Doyle via FormMail.com](mailto:Benjamin.Doyle@formmail.com)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Plastic Ban
Date: Sunday, December 20, 2020 1:53:43 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Benjamin Doyle (bdoyle2023@sau52.org) on Sunday, December 20, 2020 at 12:53:41

address: Greenland, NH

comments: Benjamin Doyle
4 October Drive
Greenland, NH 03840

December 2020

Portsmouth City Council
1 Junkins Avenue
Portsmouth, NH 03801

City Councilors:

It has been two weeks since I spoke at the last city council meeting, in which time I have seen the Portsmouth community, especially my fellow PHS students, converge in our efforts against the proposed 2-year delay of the plastic ban.

As outlined in a letter to the editor of SeacoastOnline published over the weekend, a majority – 59.5% -- of surveyed area residents agreed that the ban should go forward as originally outlined, and support for the ban itself is even stronger, at 76.6% of respondents. No support has been expressed for a delay, and nor was any expressed during the public comment at the last council meeting. It is obvious that the people of this city want the anti-plastic legislation to be implemented as intended, on December 31st of this year. There has been ample time – more than twelve months – for business to prepare, and few, if any, have lodged complaints with this timeline.

One look at the data explains why so many locals are in support of the ban. We have less than a decade – approximately seven to nine years – to drastically improve our ecological behaviors. Effective waste legislation is critical now, and the need for it increases exponentially every day. Portsmouth is an eco-municipality and has been for my entire life; it is our shared duty to act in the best interest of our environment. In fact, to paraphrase the words of my science teacher, we all have a moral and ethical responsibility to treat our planet right. Tabling this issue would be a forfeiture of that responsibility, and a forfeiture of leadership. I struggle to envision a future – five, ten, or fifteen years from now – in which anybody thinks it was a good idea to sideline this legislation. Similarly, I can guarantee that, in the future, nobody will want to cough up the necessary funds to get the plastic off our shores, and out of our water, our fish, our children, and!

our soil. The financial strain of such cleanup will vastly outweigh any short-term inconvenience to local businesses.

Portsmouth alone cannot end, nor mend, the dire global plastic crisis, but can be a microcosm of the institutional action that must be taken with the utmost immediacy. With this in mind, the PHS Environmental Change Organization, including myself, again implores the council to vote in the best interest of the people of Portsmouth, and to implement the plastic ban now. Vote no.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Doyle

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From: [Logan Roy via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Plastic Ban and Priorities
Date: Monday, December 21, 2020 9:47:17 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Logan Roy (loganmroy@gmail.com) on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 08:47:15

address: 233 Hillside Drive

comments: Dear Councilor,

I am writing to express my disappointment with the recent vote to delay Portsmouth's ban on single-use plastics and Styrofoam. While I understand the council's concern for small businesses, I do not see any way that delaying a decision that was originally made in October of 2019 would assist a restaurant or business in dealing with the pandemic. I'm not a restaurant owner or small business owner, but I do frequent many of those locations in our city. Most, if not all, of the businesses I patronize already use paper cups, paper bags, or other eco-friendly packaging. Delaying this ban is punishing responsible businesses, while offering very little support to help with the pandemic. Reasonable or even minimal enforcement would be a great way to avoid hurting businesses in the short-term, but delaying important and well-supported measures in our community must not be done simply to appear to be helping businesses. If businesses can provide a reasonable case that the added cost of responsible packaging will cause unrecoverable damage to their bottom line, perhaps it is right to delay; however, I doubt the cost of packaging is a serious driver of any profit margin.

Please allow the ban to be implemented as planned, and continue to work to make Portsmouth a leader in our state and region. Thank you for your time,

Logan Roy

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From: [Kira via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Plastic Ban Meeting
Date: Monday, December 21, 2020 11:39:12 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Kira (kbailey2023@sau52.org) on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 10:39:10

address: 90 Clinton St.

comments: To all city council members:

The success of Portsmouth's historic (and much-needed) 2019 anti-plastic legislation was attributed, in no small part, to PHS students who backed the ordinance on ethical and scientific grounds. Youth members of the Portsmouth community understand that our actions now will directly shape our future. With this in mind, we are eager to express both our own support, and the strong support of the citizens of Portsmouth, for the immediate implementation of the disposable ban.

In a poll, 59.5% of surveyed respondents approved of the original timeline for implementation, and 76.6% of surveyed residents supported keeping the ban and looking for plastic alternatives. Similarly, in the past week, over 200 Portsmouth community members signed a petition echoing the opinion that the plastics ban should not be delayed by another two years. The citizens of Portsmouth, as well our school, have backed and prepared for this measure since last September. We ask that the Council consider the long-term effects on our residents, rather than thinking in the short term, as well as the strong support expressed by the community. Our plastic-ridden future is irreconcilable, but we as a city are poised to take effective action now, and do our part to soften the ecological blow. After all, we have been an eco-municipality for 15 years, and our leadership is charged with acting in the interest of the environment. How can we maintain that legacy if we show indifference!
on this issue?

Delaying this ban will cause a multitude of highly visible crises for Portsmouth's future. The amount of taxpayer money it will take to clean up today's plastic waste will far outweigh any temporary inconvenience to businesses, and will reflect poorly on the community, to say the least. Portsmouth and its businesses rely heavily on income from tourists. If Strawberry Banke becomes Styrofoam Banke, our economy will suffer, and so will our people.

With all of these points in mind, we urge Portsmouth's City Council to vote down the proposed delay, and to uphold the city's responsibility to its residents as a longtime eco-municipality.

Benjamin Doyle, ECO Club Member

Katy Lazenby, ECO Club Member

Abigail Herrholz, ECO Club President

Kira Bailey, Eco Club Member

Gabrielle Bouvier, ECO Club President

Lucia Hillman, ECO Club Member

For the Portsmouth High School Environmental Change Organization

(603) 812-5330 (Abigail Herrholz Co-President)

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From: [Chris Dwyer via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Re-opening arts support
Date: Monday, December 21, 2020 11:35:53 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Chris Dwyer (cdwyer@rmcres.com) on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 10:35:51

address: 600 broad street

comments: As the Council considers the needs of various groups related to effects of the pandemic, please consider giving some priority attention to arts organizations. While Portsmouth is known for restaurants (which have deservedly received most of the attention), it is arguable that Portsmouth is even better known as arts and culture destination. I have been involved either in the development or at critical junctures in many of Portsmouth's cultural amenities including the Music Hall, Pontine, PMAC, 3S, the Discover Center--as well as others in our state and region. As a result, I have an in-depth understanding of the economics and funding landscape for cultural organizations and know they will need all types of support and consideration to weather the challenges ahead. I think the Council should formally recognize the importance of these organizations to Portsmouth for many reasons, including economic value.

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From: [James Boyle via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Response to December 17, 2020 City Manager Letter in Council Packet
Date: Monday, December 21, 2020 3:37:15 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
James Boyle (freedomleasing@aol.com) on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 14:37:13

address: 150 Greenleaf Avenue

comments: Response to December 17, 2020 City Manager Letter Regarding 150 Greenleaf Avenue in the December 21, 2020 City Council Packet

- The City Manager stated the case was remanded to the superior court, but neglected to mention the remand was to include past damages that were not before the jury. The original trial was for 2014-2016, (36 months) the new trial is for damages back to 2008 and likely ongoing into the future (13+years).
- The City Manager stated I have been unsuccessful in lost profit arguments, but neglects to mention the rental value is a similar number.
- The City Manager states the measure of damages is the rental value of the trespassing sewer line. In fact, the liability is not just rent for a trespassing sewer line; it is rent for almost 10 acres of developable commercial land on the route 1 bypass.
- It is not a mere allegation the City created a nuisance. The jury found the City's actions created a nuisance on my property for which the City is liable.
- The measure of damages for the eminent domain has yet to be determined by the BTLA. Even the City manager can only say she "anticipates" what the damages will be and that my request for attorneys' fees will be denied. I anticipate the City's current arguments to be as successful as all its prior arguments it has had in its ploy to prevent development of my property.
- The City is liable for the trespass and nuisance for at least 12 years on commercial developable real estate on the route 1 bypass.
- The City is liable for an illegal taking and its use of the property for 4 years.
- Damages are currently ongoing for both trespass and nuisance. What is the City planning to do to repair the land? How does the City intend to compensate me for the ongoing rent?

In regards to the botched Eminent Domain, which the Court found to be illegal and a litigation ploy:

- Is there an errors and omissions claim against Bohenko and staff?
- Does the City have a malpractice claim against Woodland, Bauer, Hodgdon and Sullivan?
- As a concerned taxpayer, I hope the City has insurance to cover the mistakes made in the illegal taking.

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From: [Mary Lou McElwain via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Single us plastic
Date: Sunday, December 20, 2020 6:25:27 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Mary Lou McElwain (ml259@comcast.net) on Sunday, December 20, 2020 at 17:25:25

address: 259 South Street

comments: Councilors, I am strongly in favor the ordinances banning single use plastic on city property and city wide and I don't fully understand your reasoning to delay to 2022. Listen to our young people who are very aware of the climate crisis we are facing. The Eco Club at Portsmouth High School worked long and hard to bring this request to the previous city council. They are the stewards of the future. Please listen to them. How terrible that adults decades older than these enlightened teenagers are negating their concerns. They are well informed and committed to a better future. I ask you ,sincerely ,councilors Whelen, Huda, Kennedy, Trace and Mayor Becksted, to listen, and reconsider your vote at tomorrow's meeting.

As a point of interest, the small, family owned Bob's Chicken restaurant uses only compostable products for all their take out. If they can do it, others can too.

Thank you. Mary Lou McElwain

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From: [Cheri Bach via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: single use disposables ban
Date: Sunday, December 20, 2020 4:16:13 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Cheri Bach (cheribach@comcast.net) on Sunday, December 20, 2020 at 15:16:10

address: 15 Wibird Street

comments: Dear Councilors,
I'll be brief - I oppose any delay of the single use disposable ban. It is a very important step for the city to take to help reduce the huge destructive burden these products are to our environment, wildlife, waterways and marine life. . It's time to draw the line and stop allowing this to go on. The time is NOW. Please be on the right side of history...

Thank you for all you do. Good luck.

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From: [Effie Malley via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Single-use plastics ban
Date: Monday, December 21, 2020 11:30:21 AM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Effie Malley (Effie.malley@gmail.com) on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 10:30:19

address: 428 Pleasant Street Unit 3

comments: I urge city councilors to proceed with the ban on single-use plastics without delay. COVID has caused an increase in take-out food and thereby containers, including plastics. These items do not biodegrade, and they do get into our waterways. These plastics also cause problems with recycled items. Immediate implementation will reduce waste and improve the health of our environment and community members.

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From: [William Lyons via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: Styrofoam, Plastic Bag Ordinances
Date: Sunday, December 20, 2020 8:00:28 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
William Lyons (wm.lyons@comcast.net) on Sunday, December 20, 2020 at 19:00:22

address: 62 MENDUM AVE

comments: Dear Councilors,

I ask that you not postpone the styrofoam and plastic ban ordinances. These are modest but positive steps to deal with major environmental problems that we must confront now for our children and grandchildren. Without being onerous, the ordinances still provide valuable community education and help establish acceptance of future substantial policies. Portsmouth should be a model for environmental responsibility and not back-slide on progress.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

William Lyons
62 Mendum Avenue
Portsmouth

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From: [Karin Barndollar via FormMail.com](#)
To: [Mayor Becksted](#); [CC - Splaine](#); [cc McEachern](#); [CC-Peter Whelan](#); [CC - Cliff Lazenby](#); [CC - Kennedy](#); [CC - Huda](#); [CC-John Tabor](#); [CC-Paige Trace](#); [City Council](#); [CityCouncil Clerk](#)
Subject: styrofoam/single use plastic ban ordinances
Date: Friday, December 18, 2020 7:05:00 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Karin Barndollar (karin.bdollars@gmail.com) on Friday, December 18, 2020 at 18:04:58

address: 120 Ridges Ct, Portsmouth

comments: I am writing today to urge the Council to reconsider the delaying of the implementation of the ordinances.. Councilors Lazenby and Tabor both proposed compromise solutions that would lessen the impact on the city's retail and restaurant businesses until the pandemic is over, although there has been no public opposition by these businesses to the ban that I am aware of. In fact, many local restaurants have already switched over to more sustainable packaging for their take out orders. The impact of plastic and styrofoam waste on the environment, on the other hand, is immeasurable and will have a lasting adverse effect on our children's and grandchildren's lives. Studies show that by 2050 there will be more plastic in the world's oceans than fish!

I also do not understand the concern that the plan could result in legal action against the city. If indeed the city were to be sued, it could simply take the ordinances off the books without having to engage in expensive lawsuits. If the ordinances are allowed to take effect, the City of Portsmouth will become a model for other cities in the State as it strives to reduce such waste at the source, thereby reducing the cost of disposal, and living up to its image of an eco-municipality.

For the sake of future generations, I would ask the Council to let the ban go forward as originally planned and incorporate the enforcement delay as proposed by Councilor Lazenby.

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From: [Seth Sacks via FormMail.com](#)
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Subject: Vote to Oppose the Single-Use Disposable Ban Delay
Date: Sunday, December 20, 2020 1:16:13 PM

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Seth Sacks (sethsacks@gmail.com) on Sunday, December 20, 2020 at 12:16:10

address: 915 Woodbury Ave, Portsmouth NH

comments: As a Portsmouth resident, I find it appalling that it is nearly 2021 and there is a proposal to delay the ban on single-use disposables such as Styrofoam and non-recyclable plastics. These petroleum based products are polluting our lands, air, water, and coasts, and are a directly related to diseases such as cancer. A vote for this delay shows that you have little concern for generations after yours. A vote for this delay shows your constituents that you do not have our best interests in mind. We can progress towards a more sustainable community, but it takes legislation such as a ban on these harmful products to do so. I urge you to be on the right side of history, and vote to oppose this ban delay.

Thank you,

Seth Sacks

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