

Santa Fe County Single-Use Plastics Committee Work Plan

Actions Items from Resolution

1. Education to constituents on how to reduce their use of single-use products and if deemed appropriate develop details of a proposed ordinance. **Promote local businesses like soap reuse and refill store; make flyer about where to reduce waste and county can send them; research other states if they have reduced their plastic through voluntary efforts.**
2. An impact analysis report and recommendations that include:
 - a. current impacts of single-use plastic and polystyrene products on County landfills and recycling centers ; **percentage of waste based on audit; cost estimates for tangling sorting machines; litter study looking at Keep America Beautiful data; Acequia river blockage; information from Watershed cleanup about waste find in river; cost to value ratio (cost/resources to manufacture for 10 min use)**
 - b. total number of businesses in the County that would be affected by a proposed ban and the extent of the affect (**Olivia has it**)
 - c. the fiscal impact to County government operations and to local businesses of an educational program (English and Spanish) and proposed ban and incentivizing of using alternative products like paper bags and eco-friendly packaging. (**Estimate based on Cty staffing, printing, include any bag fee expected revenue, etc**)
 - d. Research findings on the processes that the cities of Santa Fe, Albuquerque, and Silver City and County of Bernalillo followed when they enacted their respective plastic bag ban ordinances (**Add Las Cruces**)
 - e. Proposals and cost estimates to deploy an educational campaign in both English and Spanish to the community, County businesses, and residents who would be affected by a single-use plastic and polystyrene product ban ordinance;
 - f. An analysis of potential incentive programs for businesses and residents, including programs to incentivize businesses to sell re-usable and paper bags and to develop and use eco-friendly packaging in place of single-use plastic and polystyrene products; (**discounts for reuse, etc**)
 - g. A recommendation as to whether a single-use plastic and/or polystyrene product ban should be incorporated into an existing county ordinance or be enacted via a stand-alone ordinance; (**unaware of a relevant ordinance to include with it – research SW ordinances in Cty**)

- h. Recommendations on (i) which County department / staff should enforce any enacted ban and (ii) enforcement mechanisms for any enacted ban, including fines and other penalties; **(solid waste department staff?)**
- i. The identification of eco-friendly and plant-based alternatives to single-use plastic ware and bags and polystyrene products; and **(already have list from other cities just need to modify, Kim has connection from Dolina to include)**
- j. Policy analysis and recommendations:
 - a. Implementing an educational program as the first and perhaps only activity to reduce the use of plastic products **(has this worked in other cities nationwide)**
 - b. Prohibiting retail sales establishments and food service establishments within the County from providing single-use carryout bags to customers (as well as potential exemptions noted in ordinance)
 - c. food service ware – accessories and EPS products
 - d. release of outdoor balloon filled with helium
 - e. potential exemptions for the sale of paper bags for low-income communities who are purchasing food with SNAP, EBT, WIC, TANF and exemptions to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Note: Definition of what a plastic bag; ban purposeful releases; ordinance should include public/private events hosted by businesses in the county over 25 people; food delivery “on request only” for silverware); educational flyer when people move in to home about how to reduce waste; have a person from the county visit new businesses to talk about waste reduction as part of the permitting process