

City of Salem, Massachusetts



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The City Council Committee on Public Health, Safety and Environment co-posted with the Committee of the Whole
met remotely on May 25, 2022 at 6:00 P.M.

for the purpose of discussing the matters(s) listed below. Notice of this meeting was posted on
May 18, 2022 at 3:33 P.M.

(This meeting is being recorded)

ATTENDANCE

ABSENT WERE: None.

Also in attendance from COW: P. Morsillo, L. McClain, and D. Dominguez

SUBJECT(S)

#19 Ordinance to establish foodware & packaging

- B. Rennard – suggested taking out the repetitive term “whereas” to be consistent with other ordinance language.
- M. Riccardi – would like to see additional “purpose” language added.
- A. Merkl – wanted to add an educational component along with an expanded purpose statement.
- M. Riccardi – still confused about the rigid vs foam definition.
- A. Varela suggested striking out all rigid language.
- J. Cohen – supplied the board with information on the recyclability of foam polystyrene (Styrofoam).
- A. Merkl – suggest leaving rigid plastics in the draft.
- M. Riccardi – suggested keeping it out.
- A. Varela – again requested it be removed and motioned to do so.
- J. Cohen – second.

Under discussion

- P. Morsillo – agreed with edit to keep rigid language out and expressed concerns about Salem Hospital’s ability to comply.
- B. Rennard – stated Board of Health may waive certain establishments.
- L. McClain – asked for clarification of food delivery, which was provided by A. Varela.

A. Merkl – expressed concerns over BOH's one year limit on grace periods.

P. Morsillo – suggested removing Styrofoam coolers from the ordinance. Both A. Varela and A. Merkl disagreed.

J. Cohen – motioned to accept revisions suggested. He was advised there was already a motion under discussion on removing rigid plastics.

RCV - 5/0 in favor to remove rigid language from ordinance.

J. Cohen motioned to accept revised language discussed.

A. Varela second.

Under Discussion

M. Riccardi wanted to hear all changes.

B. Rennard – re-read all changes.

RCV – 5/0 in favor of adopting changes.

A. Varela – motioned order be referred to Council for first passage.

A. Merkl – second.

Under Discussion - none

RCV – 5/0 in favor to send matter to full Council for first passage.

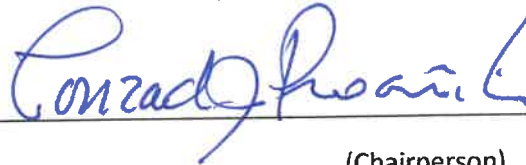
J. Cohen – motion to adjourn

A. Varela second,

RCV – 5/0 adjourned

On the motion of J. Cohen

the meeting adjourned at 7:34 P.M.

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(Chairperson)