

Tenafly Environmental Commission

November 6, 2019

Special Meeting Minutes

CALLED TO ORDER: 2:05pm Open to the Public

ADOPTED DECEMBER 5, 2019†

- Attendees: Olga Milanos, Jon Warmes, Anna Makrinos, Allison Chertoff, Zina Spezakis, Gina Wetstein.
- On November 6, 2019, the Tenafly Environmental Commission adopted recommendations for adoption as an ordinance.

Conversations included;

- We discussed combining line items #2 and #8. Bringing line item #8 and making it part of line item #2. (re - single-use plastic carry-out bag and packing material);
- We all agreed that eating utensils are exempt. Discussed the possibility of paper straws being added to ordinance later on in the year;
- We all agreed that establishments should make compliant bags available to customers: (Newspaper bags, dry cleanings bags, produce and product bags are exempt. We discussed the stitched and washable bag for sale at grocery stores also being exempt.);
- We revisited line item #5 and removed the “ing” in the word “carrying.” Customers may use their own bags;
- We revisited line item #6 and removed the word “on.” We encourage folks to educate their staff;
- We discussed the language used in the Paramus ordinance. We discussed how Paramus included definitions. We agreed that there is no need for a definition of “polystyrene” in our ordinance;
- We reviewed what is “polystyrene” foam? “Is it a clean clam shell?” We looked at Paramus’s numbers of polystyrene and their recycling program. This includes #1-#6;
- We discussed the exemptions, waivers, and extension approvals that are requested by retail establishments and that a minimal fee be charged in these cases. Businesses can reapply;
- We discussed the fee of \$100.00 = Businesses may not change. We discussed the time limit. We discussed the 5 item limit;
- We discussed small establishments being non-chain (non-franchised) businesses;
- We believe our Borough Attorney should work closely with the Tenafly Environmental Commission;
- We recommend the ordinance go into effect September 1, 2020, but, the Governing Body may delay implementation by one year by resolution;
- We will meet with the Mayor and Council after the first of year.

Please note - This is not a revenue raiser.

****Changes were proposed and adopted. 3:09pm – Meeting closed.

† Modified to add attendee names and adopted on January 16, 2020.

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