



UNION PARK DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Dan Niziolek
Department of Safety and Inspections
City of Saint Paul
375 Jackson Street
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Dear Dan,

On Wednesday, June 21, the Union Park District Council Environment and Parks Committee passed the following resolution supporting the City's Sustainable To-Go Packaging Ordinance. The resolution was endorsed by our Executive Committee on Friday, June 23 on behalf of our full board.

WHEREAS "to-go" packaging is food packaging taken off-site from a restaurant or other retailer providing food for immediate consumption, compostable packaging is certified compostable in a local industrial composting facility, and recyclable packaging is recyclable in our City's local recycling program; and,

WHEREAS requiring "to-go" food packaging that is recyclable, compostable, or reusable supports a goal of zero waste in homes, workplaces and businesses; and

WHEREAS "to-go" packaging that is compostable, recyclable, or reusable protects our health and the health of our environment; and

WHEREAS exempting items that do not meet the compostable or recyclable requirement weakens the ordinance and dramatically reduces the positive environmental outcomes, and there are viable alternatives to potentially exempted items such as polystyrene, black plastic, and plastic and poly coated cups, which negatively affect both our environment and our local recycling programs; and

WHEREAS the proposed ordinance includes a commitment by the City to help businesses by financially supporting creative ways to comply with the ordinance, including support for investments (i.e. dishwashers, reusable plates); and

WHEREAS we plan to participate in educational efforts to increase the success of the packaging ordinance by sharing information with retailers and restaurants that helps them access compliant packaging while meeting their unique business needs; and

THEREFORE, be it resolved, that the Union Park District Council supports the proposed Saint Paul Sustainable To-Go Packaging Ordinance.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Julie Reiter". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Julie Reiter, Executive Director
Union Park District Council