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Members of Our Business Community

Re: Environmental Commission Recommendations and Snow Removal

Dear Business Owner:

As a valued member of our community, we wish to bring to your attention some issues that have been raised with the Mayor and Commissioners asking for regulations which may affect you.

First, the Borough has always looked for ways to protect the environment both with respect to general regulations, as well as promoting such ideas as recycling, reduction of chemical use on lawns, green initiatives at the Bathing Pavilion, etc.

Recently, the Environmental Commission has brought to the attention of the Mayor and Commissioners legislation that has been adopted in some communities regarding non-recyclable plastic bags, styrofoam and plastic straws. The Commission has recommended an Ordinance that would prohibit the dispensing of same. The Mayor and Commissioners are looking for your input in this regard.

Additionally, the Mayor and Commissioners have been addressing the issue of the need to maintain a safe environment in our business district with respect to snow emergencies. Generally, the business owners and operators have responded favorably and kept those sidewalks clear of snow for their business invitees. Unfortunately, there have recently been a series of complaints with respect to certain properties that have not maintained a safe means of ingress and egress along the sidewalks in front of their establishments. This impacts not only their business invitees, but also those who use other businesses in the area.

The Mayor and Commissioners are considering a snow removal requirement ordinance and are seeking your input on same. We appreciate the vast majority of the business owners who are complying. The Mayor and Commissioners are considering this initiative to insure complete compliance.

As always, your opinion is a valued part of this process. We will schedule this matter for discussion on May 22, 2018 at 6 pm at the Monmouth Beach First Aid Building during our Regular Borough Meeting.

ORDINANCE NO. O-08-18

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MONMOUTH BEACH, COUNTY OF
MONMOUTH, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, CREATING A NEW SECTION 3-17 OF THE
REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE BOROUGH OF MONMOUTH BEACH
TO BE ENTITLED “PLASTIC BAG, FOOD CONTAINER AND PLASTIC STRAW
REGULATIONS”**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Monmouth Beach as follows:

Section 1.

Chapter III Section 3-17 formerly reserved shall now be entitled “Plastic Bag, Food Container and Plastic Straw Regulations” of the General Ordinances of the Borough of Monmouth Beach is hereby adopted with complete text as follows:

CHAPTER XXII

3-17 PLASTIC BAG, FOOD CONTAINER AND PLASTIC STRAW REGULATIONS

3-17.1 INTENT. The intent of this Ordinance is to adopt regulations relating to and limiting the use of single-use plastic bags, polystyrene foam containers and plastic straws by businesses in the Borough of Monmouth Beach. The regulations are intended as necessary and proper steps by the Borough to address a significant global problem relating to the sale and use of single-use plastic bags, polystyrene foam containers and plastic straws, to further incentivize the use of reusable bags at businesses, and, ultimately, to protect the environment, wildlife, and the public health, welfare, and safety.

3-17.2 DEFINITIONS. The following words, phrases and terms as used in this chapter are hereby defined for the purpose thereof as follows.

Bait. Any live or previously live and now frozen substance used to attract and catch fish or crabs on the end of a fishing hook or inside a bait trap.

Business or Store. For the purpose of this Section 3-17, any retail establishment that engages in the retail sale of goods and products. The definition includes, but is not limited to, pharmacies, supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores, clothing stores, surf shops, dry cleaners, food marts, and food service establishments.

Food Service Establishment. Any establishment which serves made-to-order food or beverages for dine-in, takeout, or delivery.

Garment Bag. A large, zippered bag incorporating a hanger on which garments may be hung to prevent wrinkling during travel or storage and used to protect and transport clothing or other textiles.

Goods and Products. Things and items that are prepared and made to be sold, including, but not limited to, clothing, groceries, prepared food, foodstuffs, meat, dairy, beverages, merchandise, books, jewelry, alcohol, tobacco products, toys, and any and all other things and items sold at retail by businesses and stores.

Produce Bag or Product Bag. Any bag without handles that is used exclusively to segregate produce, meats, other food items, and merchandise to the point of sale inside a store or to prevent such items from coming into direct contact with other purchased items, where such contact could damage or contaminate other food or merchandise when placed together in a reusable or recycled bag.

Retail. The sale of goods and products for use and/or consumption.

Reusable Bag. A bag that is designed and manufactured to withstand repeated uses over a period of time, is machine washable or made from a material that can be cleaned and disinfected regularly, is at least 2.25 mil thick if made from plastic, has a minimum lifetime of 75 uses, and its capable of carrying a minimum of 18 pounds.

Single-Use, Plastic Carryout Bag. A bag, sheet, or receptacle produced or manufactured from material commonly known as “plastic” or “polyethylene” provided at the check-out stand, cash register, point of sale, or other point of departure for the purpose of transporting goods or products out of the establishment. The term single-use, plastic carryout bag does not include reusable bags, produce bags, or garment bags.

3-17.3 REGULATION OF SINGLE-USE, PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS.

No business or store shall provide any single-use, plastic carryout bags, polystyrene foam containers and/or plastic straws to a customer at the check stand, cash register, point of sale, or other point of departure for the purpose of transporting products or goods out of the business or store, except as otherwise provided in this Chapter.

3-17.4 EXCEPTIONS.

Single-use, plastic carryout bags may be used by businesses or stores to sell bait.

3-17.5 VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES.

Each person violating any of the provisions of this section shall, upon conviction thereof, be liable to the penalty as provided by law.

Section 2.

All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Section 3.

If any word, phrase, clause, section or provision of this ordinance shall be found by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unenforceable, illegal or unconstitutional, such word, phrase, clause, section or provision shall be severable from the balance of the ordinance and the remainder of the ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4.

This Ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication in accordance with law. Enforcement of this Ordinance shall begin June 1, 2018.

NOTICE

The foregoing Ordinance was introduced at a meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Borough of Monmouth Beach held on April 18, 2018 and was read for the first time. This Ordinance will be further considered for final passage by the Board of Commissioners at a meeting to be held on May 22, 2018 at the Monmouth Beach First Aid Squad Building, 26 Beach Road, Monmouth Beach, NJ at a meeting beginning at 6:00 p.m. or at any time and place to which such meeting may be adjourned. All persons interested will be given an opportunity to be heard concerning such Ordinance.

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Municipal Clerk