

TOWNSHIP OF CHESTERFIELD

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-2-13

RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ADOPT SENATE BILL 864, PROHIBITING THE PROVISION OR SALE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS, POLYSTYRENE FOOD SERVICE PRODUCTS AND LIMITING THE PROVISION OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STRAWS

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Chesterfield desires to protect its natural environment, safeguard its wild and marine life, and reduce waste and litter; and

WHEREAS, single-use plastic disposable bags significantly contribute to litter and plastic pollution in New Jersey, diminish the operating life of local landfills, and increase the economic and environmental costs of managing waste; and

WHEREAS, the dangers posed by single-use plastics to waterways and natural environments affect all communities in the State, across municipal and county lines; and

WHEREAS, in a like manner, the complications posed by single-use plastics to landfills, utility authorities, and recycling centers likewise affect all municipalities in the State, and

WHEREAS, it is ineffective for individual municipalities to regulate this issue due to concerns of efficiency, regulatory compliance costs, State and County preemption of the solid waste field, and possible legal challenges; and

WHEREAS, currently, Senate Bill 864, pending before the State Legislature, proposes to prohibit the provision or sale of single-use plastic or paper carryout bags, prohibit polystyrene foam food service products, limit the provision of single-use plastic straws; and to appropriate money from Clean Communities Program Fund for public education; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee believes that Senate Bill 864 offers a reasonable means of addressing these issues on a Statewide basis.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the

Township of Chesterfield, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that for the foregoing reasons the Chesterfield Township Committee respectfully urges the Legislature to adopt and approve Senate Bill 864 to better protect the health and environment of the people of New Jersey.

CHESTERFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE

I, Caryn M. Hoyer, Clerk of the Township of Chesterfield in the County of Burlington and State of New Jersey do hereby certify the foregoing Resolution to be a true and accurate copy of the Resolution approved by the Township Committee at a duly advertised meeting held on _____, 2020 at which a quorum was present.

Caryn M. Hoyer, RMC
Township Clerk

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