



**County Council of
Beaufort County
Keep Beaufort County
Beautiful Board
Meeting**

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Keep Beaufort County Beautiful Board Agenda

Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 1:00 PM

Beaufort County Administration Building
100 Ribaut Rd, Beaufort, SC 29902

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1. CALL TO ORDER – at 1:07pm
2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA-Motion Made to Amend Agenda- Christopher Campbell
2nd the motion- Brenda McFee
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – [December 14, 2023](#) – Approved- Diane Vogue
2nd the approval- Ford Bartholow
4. INTRODUCTIONS
5. SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATES
 - a. EDUCATION AND LITTER ENFORCEMENT
 - i. Mr. Farie confirmed Solid Waste and Recycle has hired two new employees.
 - ii. Currently working to get a contractor to assist with recycling and litter pickup.
 - iii. Ms. McFee mention speaking with Hilton Head contractor regarding cleaning up litter along Hwy278.
 - b. LEGISLATIVE
 - i. Ms. Voge is looking into how Charleston County dispose of their recycling.
 - ii. Mr. Campbell spoke with Ms. McCain on amending the ordinance for plastic bags.
 1. Came to a resolution to amend the ordinance on Styrofoam, asking all single use of plastic bags of any kind to be banned.
 - a. A few counties in which has already passed this ordinance: City of Charleston, Isle of Palms, Hilton Head Island, Myrtle Beach, Anderson, Greenville, Edisto, etc.
 - iii. APPROVAL TO AMEND THE ORDINANCE OF BANNING STYROFOAM AND PLASTIC BAGS – Approved- Ford Bartholow
2nd – Diane Voge
 - c. BEAUTIFICATION
 - i. Per Mr. Campbell, the contract with The Greenery to continue the Garden Corner Project is making great progress.
6. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Keep South Carolina Beautiful Palmetto Pride Grant Award
 - i. Ms. McFee, Mr. Campbell, and Ms. Hoffman applied for funds and was approved for a \$10,000 Palmetto Pride Grant.
 - ii. Grant will be used for the beautification of Beaufort County.
-Please see attached grant qualifications.
 - b. EARTH DAY EVENT – April 19, 2024 –
 - i. Hosting a clean-up
 - ii. Providing Supplies
 - iii. Extending and invitation to KBCB
 1. Safety training February 21, 2024- 10:30-12:00pm at the Public Works Building, 120 Shanklin Dr.
 - c. FY2025 BUDGET- Motion to approve FY2025 – Mr. Christopher Campbell
2nd Ms. Diane Voge
 - i. Please see the attached breakdown of FY2025.



7. PUBLIC COMMENTS-NONE

8. ADJOURNMENT – At 2:07pm

NEXT MEETING:

APRIL 11, 2024, AT 1:00 PM

BEAUFORT COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

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January 2, 2024

Victoria Hoffman
Keep Beaufort County Beautiful
120 Shanklin Rd
Beaufort, SC 29906

Dear Mrs. Hoffman:

We are pleased to announce that Keep Beaufort County Beautiful has been selected to receive a Keep South Carolina Beautiful Support Grant in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Listed below are the items that have been approved for funding:

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| \$650.00 | Wildflower seeds |
| \$400.00 | Litter stickers |
| \$800.00 | Stainless steel straws |
| \$750.00 | Tote bags |
| \$200.00 | Table cover |
| \$400.00 | Customized logo tent |
| \$1,500.00 | Conference travel |
| \$150.00 | Roadside safety signs |
| \$250.00 | Sandwich board sign |
| \$200.00 | Printing signs for board |
| \$345.00 | KAB fees |
| \$1,500.00 | Kayak cleanup |
| \$2,850.00 | Billboard |

Please find enclosed the Keep SC Beautiful Grant Guidelines. You will need to fill out the attached Guidelines Acknowledgement page. Please send the signed document via fax at (803) 758-6032 or e-mail at sjenkins@palmettopride.org. Maintain original documents in your files. **You will not receive your grant check until I receive this signed page.**

In addition, if you have an outstanding grant and/or are not in good standing with national KAB, you will not receive your 2024 grant award check until you have retained good standing status and submitted all necessary reports for your previous grant.

Again, congratulations on your award. We applaud your organization and look forward to working with you through this grant.

Sincerely,

Sherryl Jenkins
Grants Coordinator

Enclosure



Litter
Trashes
Everyone.
Don't Do It.



KEEP SOUTH CAROLINA BEAUTIFUL GRANT GUIDELINES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Keep South Carolina Beautiful grants will be awarded for one year. The grant period will begin on **January 15** and end on **December 15**. This grant is provided with the understanding that the program will be operated as projected and the funds will be spent as budgeted.

1. Any changes to your budget must be requested in writing and approved by PalmettoPride.
2. Must maintain good standing status with the national Keep America Beautiful office.
3. Each grantee must submit the following online reports:
 - a. Mid-year report detailing the progress of the grant project by **June 30**.
 - b. Final summary report is due no later than **December 15**.
Include supporting documents such as:
 - i. All photographs and photocopies of all newspaper articles.
 - ii. All letters of commendation and other related documents.
 - c. Expenditures report, **including all receipt copies**, must be completed by **December 15**.
4. Grant funds may not be used for any horticultural purposes unless a long-term maintenance agreement has been reached between the recipient and a local governmental entity or established business. Recipients must submit a letter of commitment from the entity providing long-term maintenance.
5. The PalmettoPride logo must appear on all printed and promotional items associated with the grant project (e.g. t-shirts, signs, invitations, promo items, etc.). PalmettoPride must have final approval on all printed materials prior to publication. To get a copy of the logo, contact Mary Hannah Feeley via email at mhfeeley@palmettopride.org.
6. Recipients shall ensure that all slogans, logos and messages associated with the grant project are consistent with the PalmettoPride mission. Use of the PalmettoPride logo must be pre-approved by PalmettoPride. Bumper stickers created by the recipient using grant funds shall only contain local messages. Local initiatives shall not duplicate on-going PalmettoPride programs, such as Litter Busters Hotline. Local campaigns should enhance and support statewide initiatives.

If you fail to comply with these guidelines or to fulfill your proposed grant obligations, PalmettoPride reserves the right to request items and/or financial reimbursement of the amount granted. Failure to submit required reports shall disqualify the recipient for future grants.

Please sign this page and return it to our office via mail or fax (803) 758-6032. Maintain original in your files. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the above guidelines, please contact Sherryl Jenkins, Grants Coordinator, at (803) 758-6034 or via email at sjenkins@palmettopride.org.

Affiliate

Signature of Project Coordinator for Grant (Contact Person)

Date

Please note: The contact person identified above will receive the grant check and all grant-related correspondence.

ORDINANCE 2024/ _____

TEXT AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE CHAPTER 38, ARTICLE 6: SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS TO THE BEAUFORT COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ELIMINATE THE USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS, PLASTIC STRAWS AND POLYSTYRENE/PLASTIC FOAM PRODUCTS IN BEAUFORT COUNTY.

WHEREAS, Beaufort County wants to eliminate the use of plastic carryout bags, plastic straws and polystyrene/plastic foam in order to protect marine wildlife and local wildlife, in order to maximize the operating life of landfills and lessen the economic and environmental costs of managing waste;

WHEREAS, to discourage and decrease the use of certain carryout plastic bags, plastic straws and expanded polystyrene food service products, it is necessary to regulate such use; and

WHEREAS, regulating and eventually prohibiting the use of plastic carryout bags, plastic straws and polystyrene/plastic foam take-out food packing products and replacing them with food service ware that is locally recyclable or compostable and restricting the use of polystyrene/plastic foam products that are not wholly encapsulated or encased by a more durable material will further protect the county, its citizens and visitors, its marine life and wildlife, and will support the county's goal of reducing waste and litter in an effort to attain a cleaner and healthier environment and reduce the economic impact of non-recyclable waste.

WHEREAS, Beaufort County Council wishes to create a uniform standard regarding the ban on the use plastic carryout bags, plastic straws and polystyrene/plastic foam products throughout the county; it therefore finds it is the best interest of the county's residents, visitors, marine life and wildlife to eliminate the use of plastic carryout bags, plastic straws and polystyrene/plastic foam products by business establishments, thereby encouraging the use of reusable carryout bags and recyclable products in an effort to eliminate non-biodegradable waste and alleviate the economic impact of said products.

NOW, THEREFORE, Chapter 38, Article 6: is amended as follows:

Section 38-161 Purpose and Intent shall read as follows:

This Chapter is adopted to improve the environment of the county by: banning the use of plastic carryout bags for distribution and use by food or grocery establishments, food providers, retailers, stores, shops, sellers, vendors and other merchants for their customers to carry, transport or store purchased goods or products; banning the use and distribution of plastic straws; and banning the use and distribution

of polystyrene/plastic foam products. Businesses are encouraged to have reusable carryout bags available for sale and provide recyclable paper carryout bags to customers; and are also encouraged to provide bins on the premises for all recyclable products including, but not limited to, plastic and aluminum waste. This Ordinance does not impose a tax on the use of plastic or polystyrene/plastic foam products of any kind including, but not limited to, plastic carryout bags.

Section 38-162 Definitions

The paragraph **Business Establishment** shall read as follows:

Business Establishment. Any food or grocery establishment, food provider, retail or commercial enterprise that provides plastic carryout bags, single-use plastic products (including but not limited to plastic straws) or polystyrene/plastic foam products to its customers through its employees, agents or independent contractors associated with that business. The term includes, but is not limited to, retailers, stores, shops, sellers, vendors, warehouses, merchants or any other entity that sells goods and products that use and distribute plastic carryout bags, single-use plastic products or polystyrene/plastic foam products to their customers to be used on the business' premises or to carry, transport or stores purchased good or products purchased from the business establishment.

Reusable Carryout Bag (3)(b) is deleted in its entirety.

[NOTE: This proposed amendment restricts the use of all plastic carryout bags. If we opt for allowing the use of one-time carryout bags, we will want to amend our definition of "Reusable carryout bag" to increase the thickness from 2.25 mm to 4.0 mm.]

The following paragraphs shall be added.

Disposable Food Service Ware. (Interchangeable with "to go containers" and "food packaging materials") Any product, including but not limited to bowls, containers, clamshells containers, cartons, cups, cutlery, napkins, plates, straws, stirrers, trays, and other items designed for one time use associated with prepared foods, including without limitation, service ware for takeout foods and/or food from partially consumed meals prepared by food providers.

Polystyrene/plastic foam. A blown, expanded and extruded polystyrene (often called Styrofoam) or other plastic foam processed by multiple techniques into consumer products. The products generally include, but are not limited to, bowls, cups, clamshell containers, egg cartons, coolers, ice chests, beach and pool toys, plates, shipping boxes and packaging, food packaging trays.

Plastic carryout bag. A bag provided by a business establishment to a customer typically at the point of sale for the purpose of a onetime use to transport purchases,

which is predominately made of plastic derived from either petroleum or a biologically-based source, including compostable and biodegradable bags but excluding reusable carryout bags.

Section 38-163 Regulations

Paragraphs (A) and (B) are modified to read:

- (A) No person may provide plastic carryout bags at any county facility, county-sponsored events, or any event held on county property.
- (B) No business establishment within the unincorporated county limits may provide plastic carryout bags to its customers.

The following paragraphs are added to this Section.

- D. No person may provide plastic straws or polystyrene/plastic foam products at any county facility or any event sponsored by the county or held on county property.
- E. No food or grocery establishment or food provider within the unincorporated areas of Beaufort County can provide plastic straws, plastic food service ware or disposable food service ware containing polystyrene/plastic foam to its customers.
- F. All Beaufort County facilities shall use recyclable or compostable products for disposable food service ware.
- E. No business establishment within the unincorporated areas of Beaufort County can sell, rent or provide any polystyrene/plastic foam products to its customers, except as exempted in this Ordinance.

Section 38-164 Exemptions

Paragraph (B) shall be amended to read:

- B. Bags provided by pharmacists, physicians, dentists or veterinarians to contain prescription drugs or other medical products;

The following paragraphs are added to this Section.

- E. Trays made from polystyrene/plastic foam which are used to contain meats, fruits and dairy products;

- F. Plastic straws that are necessary due to medical or physical conditions;
- G. Products made of polystyrene/plastic foam which are wholly encapsulated or encased by a more durable material, including but not limited to surfboards, boats and life preservers;
- H. Any products purchased, prepared or packaged outside the unincorporated area of Beaufort County that are delivered to or sold in the county;
- I. Any organization providing emergency services during a declared state of emergency or an emergency situation where the immediate preservation of the public peace, health or safety is involved;
- J. Bags used by a non-profit organization or humanitarian relief organization to distribute food, grocery products, clothing or other household items;

[NOTE: We would like to restrict the exemption to 501(c)(3) organizations associated with schools, religious groups and humanitarian organizations. Currently, several of the large developments (including Belfair in Bluffton) have qualified as 501(c)(3) entities and have multiple food services onsite. We don't think those communities should be exempt.

- K. Meat and seafood trays, egg cartons, plastic lids used to contain foods and liquids, single-use condiment packaging and carry out cutlery (spoons, forks, etc.);
- L. Items used for ready-to-eat foods by food and grocery establishments that are predominantly made of paper, including: wax paper products, paper products with plastic inserts/sections, and paper cups and bowls that are lined with plastic;
- M. Construction products made from polystyrene/plastic foam, if the products are used in compliance with the Beaufort County Code and used in a manner preventing the polystyrene/plastic foam from being released into the environment.
- N. Any packaging used by a food or grocery establishment that is required to comply with South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control Retail Food Establishment Regulation 61-25 and similar food safety regulations, or are required to comply with any federal food safety laws and regulations, shall be exempt from the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 18-165 Penalties

[NOTE: We would like to increase the penalties to be: first offense \$100.00; second offense \$250; third offense \$1,000.]

Section 38-166 Effective Date

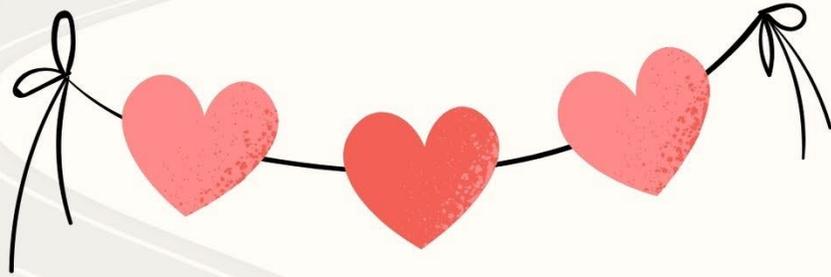
This Amendment shall be effective _____.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by County Council in a meeting duly assembled that Chapter 38, Article 6 (Single-use Plastic Bags) to the Beaufort County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended as set forth above.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 20__.

ATTEST

COUNTY COUNCIL OF BEAUFORT COUNTY



Thank you for all of the
love in 2023

You are invited to attend the
2024 Adopt-A-Highway Safety
Training

February  10:30 AM

106 Shanklin Rd, Beaufort
SC 29906

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