

**A RESOLUTION BY COUNCILMEMBERS AMIR R. FAROKHI, CARLA SMITH, MICHAEL JULIAN BOND, JOYCE M. SHEPERD, MARCI COLLIER OVERSTREET, JENNIFER N. IDE, ANDREA L. BOONE, DUSTIN HILLIS, ANDRE DICKENS, MATT WESTMORELAND, ANTONIO BROWN, AND J.P. MATZIGKEIT AS AMENDED BY CITY UTILITIES COMMITTEE REQUESTING THAT THE OFFICE OF RESILIENCE PURSUE PARTNERSHIPS WITH PRIVATE ENTITIES SUCH AS STADIUMS, GROCERY STORES, AND OTHER RETAILERS TO PHASE OUT THE USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF NON-RECYCLABLE SINGLE-USE PLASTIC PRODUCTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.(AMENDED AND HELD 8/13/19 FOR FURTHER REVIEW)**

WHEREAS, the City of Atlanta (“City”) aspires to be a leader in environmental policy and combating climate change; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 19-O-1418 will ban the use of non-recyclable single-use plastics in all City owned buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Fulton County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution eliminating the use of single-use plastic products in all Fulton County owned, operated, and leased facilities effective January 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, pollution resulting from non-recyclable single-use plastic products is responsible for environmental harm, including damage to groundwater, wildlife, landscapes, rivers and oceans as well as harm to human health; and

WHEREAS, approximately 500 million plastic straws are estimated to be used worldwide per day and, in America alone approximately 100 billion plastic bags and 25 billion Styrofoam cups are estimated to be used and subsequently thrown away, per year; and

WHEREAS, according to studies cited by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Georgia Recycling Coalition, single-use plastic bags and plastic straws are some of the most littered plastic items and single-use plastics and Styrofoam contribute to landfill capacity problems; and

WHEREAS, the City is committed to the further development of recycling programs and initiatives, having consistently encouraged residents, visitors, employees and businesses to recycle through many citywide initiatives, including the City’s CARTLANTA, residential recycling and internal recycling programs; and

WHEREAS, given that over 300 cities throughout the country have already passed similar legislation, it is in the best interest of the City to address climate change in any and all ways possible and urge private companies to do the same.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Office of Resilience should pursue strategic partnerships with private entities such as grocery stores and stadiums to advance policies consistent with Ordinance 19-O-1418, which prohibits the use of non-recyclable single use plastics, by City of Atlanta operations, by commercial operations located in public buildings and public facilities owned or operated by the City of Atlanta, and in Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that all resolutions and parts of resolutions, in conflict herewith are waived to the extent of the conflict.

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**Workflow List:**

Clerk of Council	Completed	08/06/2019 12:19 PM
Atlanta City Council	Completed	08/05/2019 1:00 PM
City Utilities Committee	Completed	08/13/2019 9:30 AM
Atlanta City Council	Completed	08/19/2019 1:00 PM
City Utilities Committee	Completed	08/27/2019 9:30 AM
Atlanta City Council	Completed	09/03/2019 1:00 PM
City Utilities Committee	Pending	09/10/2019 9:30 AM
Mayor's Office	Pending	

**HISTORY:**

08/05/19                                      Atlanta City Council                                      REFERRED WITHOUT OBJECTION

**REFERRED TO FINANCE/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WITHOUT OBJECTION**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>REFERRED WITHOUT OBJECTION</b>	
08/13/19	City Utilities Committee	HELD IN COMMITTEE

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>HELD IN COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Next: 8/19/2019 1:00 PM</b>
08/19/19	Atlanta City Council	RETURNED AS HELD

**RETURNED AS HELD TO CITY UTILITIES COMMITTEE WITHOUT OBJECTION**

**MEMBERS PRESENT: MATZIGKEIT, SHEPERD, SHOOK, SMITH, WINSLOW & HILLIS**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>RETURNED AS HELD</b>	<b>Next: 8/27/2019 9:30 AM</b>
08/27/19	City Utilities Committee	HELD IN COMMITTEE

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>HELD IN COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Next: 9/3/2019 1:00 PM</b>
09/03/19	Atlanta City Council	RETURNED AS HELD

**RETURNED AS HELD TO CITY UTILITIES COMMITTEE WITHOUT OBJECTION**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>RETURNED AS HELD</b>	<b>Next: 9/10/2019 9:30 AM</b>
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<p>Mayor's Action</p> <p><i>See Authentication Page Attachment</i></p>	