

[Environment Code - ~~Packaged Drinking Water~~ Bottled Water and Package Free Ordinance]

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**Ordinance amending the Environment Code to modify restrictions on the sale or distribution on City property of drinking water in single service containers, to educate City departments regarding the restrictions, and making environmental findings.**

NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.  
**Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.  
**Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.  
**Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.  
**Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.  
**Asterisks (\* \* \* \*)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code subsections or parts of tables.

Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

Section 1. The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in File No. 161290 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms this determination.

Section 2. The San Francisco Environment Code is hereby amended by revising Chapter 24, Sections 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, and 2407, to read as follows:

**SEC. 2402. DEFINITIONS.**

For purposes of this Chapter,

1 "Bottled Water" means drinking water in a sealed Rigid Plastic Bottle having a capacity  
2 of 21 fluid ounces or less.

3 "City Property" means real property, including any buildings thereon, owned or leased  
4 by the City and County of San Francisco ("City"), and in the City's possession or in the  
5 possession of a public or private entity under contract with the City to perform a public  
6 purpose, including but not limited to the following property: recreational and park property  
7 including but not limited to Golden Gate Park, the San Francisco Zoo, and San Francisco's  
8 parks and playgrounds, plazas including but not limited to United Nations Plaza and Hallidie  
9 Plaza, community centers such as Ella Hill Hutch Community Center, and property of the  
10 Department of Recreation and Parks, the Port, and the Public Utilities Commission. "City  
11 Property" includes a "City Street."

12 "City Funds" means all monies or other assets received and managed by, or which are  
13 otherwise under the control of, the Treasurer, and any notes, bonds, securities, certificates of  
14 indebtedness or other fiscal obligations issued by the City and County.

15 "City Street" means the public right-of-way owned by the City, including any area  
16 across, along, on, over, upon, and within the dedicated public alleys, boulevards, courts,  
17 lanes, roads, sidewalks, streets, and ways within the City.

18 "Event" means any gathering held on City Property, including a City Street, and subject  
19 to a City permit, where more than 100 people attend or participate.

20 "Mineral water" means drinking water containing more than 500 milligrams per liter of  
21 total dissolved solids and/or one or more chemical constituents in excess of the  
22 concentrations listed in the Federal Bottled Water Quality Standards (Title 21, Code of  
23 Federal Regs., Sec. 165.110).

1            "Packaged Water" means drinking water in a sealed box, bag, can, glass bottle, Rigid Plastic  
2 Bottle or other container intended primarily for single service use and having a capacity of one liter or  
3 less.

4            "Participant Athletic Event" means an athletic event in which a group of people  
5 collectively walk, jog, run, or bicycle or otherwise participate in a sport on City Property,  
6 including a City Street.

7            "Rigid Plastic Bottle" means any formed or molded container comprised predominantly  
8 of plastic resin, having a relatively inflexible fixed shape or form, having a neck that is smaller  
9 than the container body, and intended primarily as a single service container. "Rigid Plastic  
10 Bottle" includes a compostable plastic bottle meeting these criteria.

11           "Water" includes: natural spring or well water; water taken from municipal or private  
12 utility systems or other sources; distilled, deionized, filtered, or other purified water; or any of  
13 the foregoing to which chemicals may be added. "Water" does not include: mineral water;  
14 carbonated or sparkling water; soda, seltzer, or tonic water; or flavored water, also marketed  
15 as fitness water, vitamin water, enhanced water, energy water, or other similar products.  
16 "Water" does not include those food ingredients that are listed in ingredient labeling as  
17 "water," "carbonated water," "disinfected water," or "filtered water."  
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19           **SEC. 2403. SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF ~~BOTTLED WATER~~ PACKAGED WATER ON CITY**  
20 **PROPERTY RESTRICTED.**

21           (a) Starting October 1, 2014, no person may sell or distribute Bottled Water an Event  
22 held indoors on City Property.

23           (b) Starting October 1, 2014, no person may sell or distribute Bottled Water at an  
24 Event held outdoors on City Property, including a City Street, where the permitting officer,  
25 department, or agency (collectively, "department") allows the Event sponsor access to reliable

1 on-site potable water connections adequate to meet the hydration needs of the Event  
2 participants or attendees. By July 1, 2014, departments that issue permits for Events on their  
3 properties and in their facilities shall, in consultation with the San Francisco Public Utilities  
4 Commission ("SFPUC"), determine which properties that are frequently used for Events have  
5 a reliable on-site supply of drinking water that could be used by Event sponsors.

6 (c) Starting October 1, 2016, no person may sell or distribute Bottled Water at an  
7 Event held outdoors on City Property, including a City Street.

8 (d) Starting March 1, 2017, the above subsections (a), (b) and (c) of this Section 2403 shall  
9 apply to restrict the sale and distribution of Packaged Water.

10 (~~e~~) The provisions of this Section 2403 shall not apply to the sale or distribution of  
11 ~~Bottled Water~~Packaged Water to participants in a Participant Athletic Event. The provisions of  
12 this Section 2403 shall not apply where the City grants the general public access to enter or  
13 use City Property in question, including a City Street, without requiring issuance of a permit.

14 (~~f~~) This Section 2403 shall not apply to an event held prior to January 1, 2018 that is  
15 sponsored by a not-for-profit entity and that has over 250,000 attendees or participants.

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17 **SEC. 2404. NEW LEASES, PERMITS, AND AGREEMENTS; MOBILE FOOD FACILITIES.**

18 (a) Starting October 1, 2014, all new leases, permits, management agreements or  
19 other agreements awarded by the City allowing any person to use City Property, including a  
20 City Street, for purposes that contemplate or would allow the sale or distribution of beverages  
21 (collectively, "permits") shall specifically require that the permittee comply with this Chapter.  
22 This requirement shall also apply to any such permit renewed, extended, or materially  
23 amended after October 1, 2014.

24 (b) Starting October 1, 2014, no City officer or department shall issue a bid proposal or  
25 solicitation, request for bid or proposal, or contract for vendors or concessions to be operated

1 on City Property that would require or permit the sale or distribution of Bottled Water on such  
2 property.

3 (c) Starting March 1, 2017, the above subsections (a) and (b) of this Section 2404 shall apply  
4 to restrict the sale and distribution of Packaged Water.

5 (d) No person shall sell, provide, or otherwise distribute Packaged Water as part of its  
6 performance of a City contract or grant unless specifically exempted from or allowed to do so under  
7 this Chapter.

8 (ee) This Section 2404 does not apply to concessions/vendors at San Francisco Airport  
9 facilities. This Section 2404 does not apply to permits for the use of City Property, including a  
10 City Street, for a Participant Athletic Event, if the permit provides that the Event sponsor may  
11 only sell or distribute ~~Bottled Water~~Packaged Water, or allow the sale or distribution of ~~Bottled~~  
12 ~~Water~~Packaged Water, to participants in the Participant Athletic Event and not to any other  
13 persons. This Section 2404 will not apply to concessions/vendors at the Moscone Center  
14 facility until (1) the City Administrator certifies to the Board of Supervisors that the first phase  
15 of the expansion of the facility, the plans for which include installation of bottle filling stations,  
16 has been completed, or (2) January 1, 2018, whichever is sooner.

17 (ff) Starting October 1, 2016, all Mobile Food Facility permits issued or renewed under  
18 Article 5.8 of the Public Works Code shall specifically provide that the permittee shall not sell  
19 or distribute or allow the sale or distribution of ~~Bottled Water~~Packaged Water as part of the  
20 operation of the Facility.

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22 **SEC. 2405. BARRING USE OF CITY FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF ~~BOTTLED~~**  
23 **~~WATER~~PACKAGED WATER.**

24 (a) No City officer, department, or agency (collectively, "department") shall use City  
25 Funds to purchase ~~Bottled Water~~Packaged Water for its own general use. A department may

1 use City Funds to purchase ~~Bottled Water~~Packaged Water for uses specifically exempted from  
2 or allowed under this Chapter.

3 (b) It shall be City policy not to have drinking water systems in City offices or facilities  
4 that use plastic water bottles of any size where satisfactory alternatives exist and are feasible  
5 at the location under consideration. It shall further be City policy to conform drinking water  
6 systems in City offices or facilities to this goal where reasonable by the end of 2016.

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8 **SEC. 2406. WAIVERS AND EXCLUSIONS.**

9 (a) A City officer, department, or agency (collectively, "department") responsible for  
10 permitting an Event on or issuing a lease for City Property may seek from the Department of the  
11 Environment ("DOE") a waiver of~~waive~~ the requirements of Sections 2403 and 2404 in full or in  
12 part if the Event sponsor or lessee demonstrates to the satisfaction of the ~~department~~DOE that  
13 strict application of the requirement would not be feasible, would create an undue hardship or  
14 practical difficulty, or that circumstances otherwise warrant granting of the waiver. The  
15 ~~department's~~DOE's decision to grant a waiver shall be in writing and shall be final. If no  
16 response is received from the DOE within 60 days of a waiver request, the request shall be deemed  
17 approved.

18 (b) The provisions of Sections 2403 and 2404 shall not apply where the department  
19 finds that the inclusion or application of such provisions would violate or be inconsistent with  
20 the terms or conditions of a grant, subvention or contract with an agency of the State of  
21 California or the United States or the instructions of an authorized representative of any such  
22 agency with respect to any such grant, subvention or contract.

23 (c) The provisions of Sections 2403, 2404, and 2405(a) shall not apply where the  
24 department finds that relying on ~~Bottled Water~~Packaged Water is necessary in a given situation  
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1 to protect the public health, safety and welfare, and no reasonable alternative to *Bottled*  
2 *Water*Packaged Water will serve the same purpose.

3 ~~(d) Departments shall annually report all waivers granted under subsection (a) and~~  
4 ~~determinations of non-applicability made under subsections (b) and (c) to the Director of the~~  
5 ~~Department of the Environment, and include the reason for each waiver.~~

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7 **SEC. 2407. IMPLEMENTATION.**

8 (a) This Chapter 24 shall not apply to an Event held on City Property, including a City  
9 Street, where the sponsor applied for or received the permit prior to July 1, 2014. Nothing in  
10 this Chapter shall be construed to impair a contract, lease, management agreement or other  
11 legally-binding agreement to which the City is a party on ~~the effective date of this Chapter~~April  
12 20, 2014. In addition, none of the amendments to this Chapter restricting the sale or distribution of  
13 Packaged Water enacted as part of the ordinance in Board File No. 161249 shall be construed to  
14 impair a contract, lease, management agreement or other legally-binding agreement to which the City  
15 is a party on the effective date of that ordinance.

16 (b) The Department of the Environment and the Public Utilities Commission shall take  
17 appropriate steps to educate and inform City departments about the requirements of this  
18 Chapter.

19 (c) The Director of the Department of the Environment shall submit an annual report to  
20 the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors on the implementation of this Chapter. The report  
21 shall include the number of waivers granted ~~by City officers or departments~~ under Section  
22 2406(a) and determinations of non-applicability made under Section 2406(b) and (c), and a  
23 brief explanation of the justifications for the same. The report shall also summarize efforts taken  
24 to educate and inform City departments about the requirements of this Chapter, and include plans to  
25 continue doing so over the coming year.

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Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor returns the ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it, or the Board of Supervisors overrides the Mayor’s veto of the ordinance.

Section 4. Scope of Ordinance. In enacting this ordinance, the Board of Supervisors intends to amend only those words, phrases, paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or any other constituent parts of the Municipal Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as additions, deletions, Board amendment additions, and Board amendment deletions in accordance with the “Note” that appears under the official title of the ordinance.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
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