

1 [City Composting]

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3 **Resolution urging all City facilities that have food service operations or generate**
4 **significant compostable discards and all contracted food service vendors operating on**
5 **City premises to participate in composting and recycling collection programs and to**
6 **use food service materials that either are recyclable or compostable; and to purchase**
7 **compost and/or mulch that is made from San Francisco’s composting or mulching**
8 **programs.**

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10 WHEREAS, The Commission on the Environment and the Board of Supervisors of the
11 City & County of San Francisco adopted a goal of seventy-five percent waste diversion from
12 landfill by 2010 and of zero waste to landfill by 2020; and

13 WHEREAS, The Resource Conservation Ordinance states that City Departments
14 should divert as much solid waste as possible from landfill disposal and maximize purchases
15 of recycled products; and

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17 WHEREAS, City departments pay over 6 million dollars for landfilling almost 80,000
18 tons of waste per year and these costs can be reduced through increasing source reduction,
19 reuse, recycling and composting; and

20 WHEREAS, Over 1,700 businesses and institutions participate in San Francisco’s
21 composting program, which collects over 70,000 tons of all types of food scraps, soiled paper,
22 plants, and other compostable materials annually, that is used to produce compost for local
23 landscapers, vineyards and organic farmers that return healthy food and flowers to San
24 Francisco markets and restaurants; and
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1 WHEREAS, The compost made from San Francisco's food collection program is
2 especially rich in nutrients (such as nitrogen, phosphate, potash and organic matter) that can
3 replace the use of chemical fertilizers and improve overall soil and plant health; and

4 WHEREAS, City departments should lead by example in waste reduction, reuse,
5 recycling, and composting, including the composting of food scraps and other compostable
6 materials, and in the use of recycled products including compost; and

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8 WHEREAS, Foamed polystyrene (Styrofoam), clear polystyrene and other plastic food
9 service ware products (e.g., utensils, cups, plates, straws, stirrers, and clamshells) cannot be
10 recycled or composted in San Francisco's current programs, and are an impediment for
11 diverting food service waste from landfill; and

12 WHEREAS, Comparable compostable alternatives to the polystyrene and other plastic
13 food service ware products are available to City departments; and therefore be it

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15 RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges all City facilities with food service
16 operations or other significant compostable material discards (e.g., food scraps, soiled paper,
17 and plants trimmings) and all contracted food service vendors operating on City premises,
18 including but not limited to cafeteria service and provision of meals for inmates or patients, to
19 have in place and utilize both composting and recycling collection, including bottles, cans,
20 and aluminum foil, as soon as possible or by January 1, 2004; and be it

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22 FURTHER RESOVLED, That the Board of Supervisors urges all City facilities with food
23 service operations and all contracted food service vendors operating on City premises, to
24 provide only food service ware products, including but not limited to utensils, cups, plates,

1 straws, stirrers, and clamshells, that are either designed for reuse or accepted for recycling or
2 composting collection in San Francisco's programs; and be it

3 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges the Department of the
4 Environment to assist in recycling and composting program implementation and to provide
5 information to City departments about the acceptability of food service ware products in San
6 Francisco's recycling and composting programs; and be it
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8 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors urges City departments and
9 City owned operations such as golf courses and parks, to utilize and or purchase compost
10 and/or mulch that is made from San Francisco's composting or mulching programs.
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