



Public Works, Environment and Transportation Commission Agenda

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

6:30 PM

City Council Chambers

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(Any times listed are approximate – please note that items may be earlier or later than listed on the agenda)

- 6:30 p.m. **1. Roll Call**
- 6:32 p.m. **2. Public Comments**
- 6:34 p.m. **3. Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - a. Approve June Minutes
- 6:35 p.m. **4. Communication Items**
 - a. Communication Items
- 6:45 p.m. **5. Green To Go Update**
 - a. Green To Go Update
- 7:30 p.m. **6. Sustainability Intern Project Update**
 - a. Sustainability Intern Update
- 8:00 p.m. **7. City Council Joint Meeting Review - Update Work Plan**
 - a. City Council Joint Meeting Review
- 8:20 p.m. **8. Future Agenda Items**
 - a. Future Agenda Items
- 8:30 p.m. **9. Adjourn**

Roseville Public Works, Environment and Transportation Commission Agenda Item

DATE: July 23, 2024

ITEM: 3.a.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Approve June Minutes

Background

Attached are the minutes from the June 25, 2024 meeting.

Recommendation

Motion approving the minutes of June 25, 2024, subject to any necessary corrections or revision.

Attachments

1. June Draft Minutes

Roseville Public Works, Environment and Transportation Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 25, 2024, at 6:30 p.m.
City Council Chambers, 2660 Civic Center Drive
Roseville, Minnesota 55113

1. Introduction / Roll Call

Chair Ficek called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. and at his request, Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer called the roll.

Present: Chair Bryant Ficek; Vice Chair Edwin Hodder; Members Jarrod Cicha, Des Mueller; Youth Member Carson Bauer

Absent: Member Allison Luongo (Excused), Sarah Rudolf (Excused), Fergus; Youth Member Alexi Jendro

Staff Present: Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer; Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer Jennifer Lowry; City Manager Patrick Trudgeon

2. Public Comments

3. Approval of May 28, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Prior to tonight's meeting, the comments and corrections to the draft minutes had been submitted by PWETC commissioners, and those revisions were incorporated into the draft presented in the meeting materials.

Motion

Vice Chair Hodder moved, Member Mueller seconded, approval of the May 28, 2024, meeting minutes as presented.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

4. Communication Items

Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer Jennifer Lowry provided a brief review and update on projects and maintenance activities listed in the staff report dated June 25, 2024.

Chair Ficek indicated he attended the Rosefest Parade, and he thought it was wonderful. He thanked the City staff and all of the volunteers. He thought it was well attended and it seemed like everyone was having a good time.

5. Civic Campus Master Plan Update

City Manager Patrick Trudgeon gave a presentation to the Commission on the Civic Campus Master Plan.

Vice Chair Hodder indicated that currently there are solar panels on the maintenance facility and he wondered if they will be transferred to the new facility.

Mr. Trudgeon explained that is the intent and should still be in good shape.

Mr. Freihammer indicated the solar panels are designed to be modular so would be taken out of time for the service and coordination of phases. The new facility would theoretically have more space to expand the solar in the future.

Chair Ficek explained thinking about sustainability as a whole, is the City looking at other options or touring other facilities that are being built around the metro. He asked how the City is viewing this.

Mr. Trudgeon explained the City wants to embrace as much sustainability as possible. He indicated the City staff has not ventured too far into this yet but he thought if the referendum does pass the City will start looking at those alternatives and look at touring facilities. He thought this was very important to lead by example and he thought there would be direct conversations and a high priority by City staff.

Member Mueller wondered if any special considerations were being made. She knew that there was a gas station in that area, and she wondered how that would factor into these plans. She felt there would be a lot of costs involved.

Mr. Trudgeon explained the process the City made when purchasing the land. He was not sure if the City would be able to do a direct swap, but the City will look at this in more depth.

Member Mueller explained her concern was once the City gets in there, what additional costs would there be for cleanup or addressing possible contamination?

Mr. Trudgeon agreed, and the staff feel they have a fair understanding of what is there, they do not know, and he thought the City needs to be prepared for that. Beyond that, the City is not aware of any other environmental concerns.

Chair Ficek indicated with the maintenance facility moving to a new spot, he knew the City staff has had some conversations with residents in that area and he asked

80 Mr. Trudgeon to touch on that a little bit because there will be heavy machinery
81 operating where there was once a park.

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83 Mr. Trudgeon indicated that is a real valid concern. He explained as a part of the
84 master planning process and design there was some direct engagement with the
85 neighbors. The neighborhood was very concerned about having a maintenance
86 facility instead of a park. The City is trying to work proactively with the residents
87 to address those concerns. The City needs to continue to work with the residents
88 and try to mitigate concerns as much as possible. That will be the biggest issue
89 with this project.

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91 Chair Ficek explained one of the graphics showed the property tax versus the sales
92 tax and he wondered if that implied if the sales tax does not go through, that is what
93 the City would be looking at to fund this.

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95 Mr. Trudgeon explained that would be the only option for the City, to bond to
96 themselves and have that backed by property taxes. He wants to be very careful
97 and not mislead anybody. He thought that if the sales tax did not pass the only
98 option would be to charge it to property taxes, like what the City did with the Fire
99 Station and park improvements. That would add to everyone's tax bill. The
100 seventy-six point nine million dollars is what the City estimates. He would
101 advocate for another conversation about looking at the project to do things to limit
102 that cost because it would be one hundred percent born by the taxpayers and
103 everyone in the City would need to make sure if there was anything that could be
104 value-engineered out. The City staff does not think any extras are needed in the
105 plan, but he thought it would be important to revisit that. That would be the only
106 option the City would have in front of them.

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108 Chair Ficek asked if the City could go to a referendum again in a future year if it
109 were to fail or would push everything out too far.

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111 Mr. Trudgeon explained the City would not be able to go for another referendum
112 for sales tax unless the City got Legislative approval again. The question is open
113 to if the City goes to a referendum to the voters to bond for it and have it on property
114 taxes. In 2012, it did not go to the voters that preceded him in this particular role
115 but he recalled there was what is called a port authority. Port Authority is a bonding
116 mechanism that the City can use. In that case, it did go to the Port Authority. There
117 is a way that the City can do that without going for a referendum. It is a policy
118 choice for the City Council.

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120 Chair Ficek thanked Mr. Trudgeon for coming and presenting this to the
121 Commission.

122 123 **6. Bike Plan Update**

124 Assistant Public Works Director/City Engineer Jennifer Lowry updated the
125 Commission on the City bike plan.

Chair Ficek indicated he was a part of this planning and he thanked all of the residents who came out and he thought there were great groups. He thought people brought up some great points and were invested in it and a lot of them were bikers and many were trying to look at ways to improve the community.

The Commission thought the bike plan looked good.

Vice Chair Hodder indicated concerning the protective barriers, how do the snowplows negotiate them in the winter?

Ms. Lowry explained some cities take the barriers down and in other cities, it is expected that some will be destroyed. That is part of what this demonstration project will be very helpful in and what the City staff talked to the consultants about. She noted the City needs to discuss this with the County as well because some are on County roads and she expects the barriers to be kept up throughout one winter to be a learning opportunity for future projects.

The Commission discussed with staff bike path priorities in the City.

7. City Survey – Public Works Review

Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer presented the City Survey regarding the Public Works Department.

Chair Ficek asked if the answers given in the phone survey? Were there open answers?

Mr. Freihammer explained certain questions had options and others had yes or no answers as well as rating the question given. He continued with reviewing the survey questions and answers with the Commission.

Chair Ficek thought this was a lot of information and wondered if the public could look at the survey information on the City website.

Mr. Freihammer indicated the information is in the City Council packet as well as the PWETC packet and he would check to see if it was posted somewhere on the City website.

8. Prepare for PWETC/City Council Joint Meeting

Public Works Director Jesse Freihammer indicated the Commission is scheduled to meet with the City Council on July 22. The Commission is asked to create a list of topics to discuss with the City Council to be included in the July 22, 2024, Council packet.

Chair Ficek asked the Commission who would be attending the meeting. He noted he will be attending.

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Vice Chair Hodder indicated he would be at the meeting.

Member Mueller indicated she had a conflict and would not be there.

Member Cicha indicated he was not sure yet if he would be able to attend the meeting.

Chair Ficek indicated he could make a presentation for the Council.

Chair Ficek asked the Commission what they feel is the value of being on the Commission and how can that be expressed to the City Council. He also thought what is important to discuss with the City Council from the rubric is what would be next for the PWETC, what are the important things the City Council is hearing and where does the Commission go from there.

Member Mueller thought that was a great idea. She indicated she was trying to tie this back to when Mayor Roe came and talked to the Commission and what direction is the Council going with the Commission. It seems like the Council is trying to better define the entire purpose of the Commissions.

Chair Ficek thought that was a part of it and that the Commission needed direction. He was trying to think about more of the experience and value. What do the Commissioners see as value by being on the Commission? He indicated he has enjoyed learning more about the City while being on the Commission with the tours and other topics discussed. Being able to bring that information to his neighbors and other residents in the community. There is a tangible benefit he feels with being involved. He thought it would be interesting for the Commissioners to be at the joint meeting and tell the Council what they saw as being valuable and what had been learned on the Commission.

Vice Chair Hodder indicated to him; that it gets to the mission of the Commission. All of the different facets of what the Commission does and all of the things that people do not see. To him, that is what is important.

Chair Ficek thought with only four members being at the meeting, he wondered if questions could be sent to the Commissioners to get answers back to staff to provide an update to him to present at the joint meeting.

Member Mueller thought that was a good point because the Commission could provide an update on high-level topics the Commission has reviewed over the past year, but the City Council already has that information. She thought Chair Ficek's idea would bring another layer to this. She would also like to point out how wonderful the staff was because City staff always bring so much to the Commission and show what is happening throughout the City with the pillars that

the Commission is covering. She thought it would be nice to have that story to tell the Council.

Chair Ficek agreed. He thought he would like to go in that direction and asked City staff for some help.

Mr. Freihammer indicated he would work with Chair Ficek on this and would also attach what the Commission has worked on for the Council packet.

Chair Ficek asked what the Commission wanted to discuss with the Council on what should be tackled in the next year.

Mr. Freihammer thought that is a good question to bring forward to the City Council because it is up to the Council what the Commission needs to be involved in.

Member Mueller indicated one of the questions she has had was how the Commission is partnering with parks and other commissions or areas in the City that are all touching on the environment in different ways and how can the Commission be more impactful. She thought Ms. Bakken did such a great job in her role and the outreach but she felt that sometimes talking about trees, as a part of the environmental piece, also falls under the Park Commission's purview. She wondered what the Council's vision is for the topics that overlap.

Chair Ficek thought that was a good topic to bring up to the City Council.

Member Mueller explained the Commission was going to talk about pavement management funding at one of the future meetings and this was something she has wanted to talk to the City Council about. She indicated she wanted to dig into this and wondered what the City Council's thoughts were regarding this.

Mr. Freihammer indicated staff does need to review this and find out what the long-term funding for this was and would need to bring it forward to the Commission.

Mr. Freihammer thought he had a good idea and would coordinate with who would be at the joint meeting and would send out information to the Commissioners.

9. Items for Next Meeting – July 30, 2024

Discussion ensued regarding the future PWETC agenda:

July Meeting

- SPRWS Presentation
- Climate Action Planning Update

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August Meeting

- Green to Go Introduction and Overview
- Street Name Change Update
- Discuss Commission Scope
- Street Design Standards
- State Fair Parking

September Meeting

- EAB Update
- AARP Walk Audit
- Bench Ordinance
- CEE Program Update

10. Adjourn

Motion

Member Cicha moved, Member Mueller seconded, adjournment of the meeting to the St. Paul Regional Water Plant Tour on July 1, 2024, at approximately 8:46 p.m.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Motion carried.

Roseville Public Works, Environment and Transportation Commission Agenda Item

DATE: July 23, 2024

ITEM: 4.a.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Communication Items

Background

At each commission meeting, City staff provides updates on City activities and projects ongoing within the city that pertain to public works activities.

Recommendation

Receive report and provide feedback.

Attachments

1. Communications Memo
2. 2024 Roseville Project Map
3. July Development Activity Report
4. Sustainability Newsletter July/August 2024



Public Works Department

Memo

To: Public Works Environmental and Transportation Commission Members

From: Jennifer Lowry, City Engineer

Date: July 18, 2024

Re: Communications Items

The following are updates to projects and other activities happening in Roseville since the last commission meeting:

Roseville Public Works project updates:

- Bike Plan
 - The survey and map are closed for comments. Consultants are working on the plan to provide a draft for City and public comment this fall.
 - <https://talk.dot.state.mn.us/roseville-bike-plan>
- McCarrons Retaining Wall Replacement
 - Anticipated completion by Labor Day.
- County Road B Reconstruction, west of Cleveland Avenue
 - Over the next few weeks storm sewer will be done portions of County Road B.
 - Residents are encouraged to subscribe to the website for ongoing updates.
- 2024 PMP
 - Portions of the PMP in the Midland Hills neighborhood adjacent to the reconstruction project will be done in coordination with the reconstruction. Other streets that are a part of the PMP are complete.
- County Road B Reconstruction from Snelling Avenue to Lexington Avenue (Ramsey County)
 - Road construction and city watermain replacement has begun.
- 2024 Sewer Lining Project
 - Cleaning and lining has begun on the various locations throughout the city. Contractor to notify impacted properties a minimum of 24 hours in advance of lining.
- 2024 Pathways Project
 - Project is currently in design and includes Lexington Avenue, between County Road B and TH 36, the Wagner Street to Western Avenue cul-de-sac connection, and Tamarack Park pathways shown in Attachment 2. The project will be bid later this year and construction may expand into 2025.

Other agency project updates:

- TH 36 Mill and Overlay from Cleveland Avenue to Edgerson Street (MnDOT)
 - Please sign up on MnDOT's website for updates on closures. There are closures as I write this on the 18th, but no closures are yet noted on the project website after July 22.
- Dale Street 4-3 Conversion from Lovell Avenue into St. Paul (Ramsey County)
 - Plans are out for bid for construction this year.
- Old Highway 8 Project (Ramsey County)
 - Project is from County Road D going north into New Brighton. Roadway is open to traffic, traffic control is off to the side, boulevard restoration occurring.
- Commerce Street to Pascal Street to County Road B (Snelling Service Drive to Pascal Street) (Xcel Gas)
 - Impacts to road are being coordinated with Ramsey County's County Road B project.
- Cleveland Ave from County Road C to Oakcrest Avenue and Oakcrest Avenue from Prior Avenue to Cleveland Avenue (Xcel Gas)
 - Southbound Cleveland Avenue, south of County Rd C to Rosegate will be closed 7/15-8/5.
 - Lane shifts and sidewalk closure on Cleveland Avenue from Rosegate to Prior Avenue in place.
 - Lane shifts in place on Oakcrest Avenue from just east of prior to Cleveland Avenue.

Engineering Updates:

- We have an accepted offer for the Assistant City Engineer vacancy and anticipate him starting late August.

Sustainability Updates:

- Staff attended Taste of Rosefest on June 27 to conduct additional outreach with residents about Green To Go.
- Staff assisted with making the Juneteenth event on June 17 to be a Zero Waste event, diverting almost 20 bags of solid waste to compost.
- Staff continues Green To Go outreach, including in person visits with restaurants to inform them about the proposal and BizRecycling financial assistance. Staff has also connected with multiple representatives from national chain restaurants and local schools to discuss the potential transition.
- Staff is working with Parks & Recreation staff and Friends of Roseville Parks Board on Tapped & Uncorked zero waste planning (event on September 13)

Maintenance Updates:

- Street and Storm
 - Completed message painting.
 - Third right-of-way mow completed.
 - Second sweep completed.
 - Ongoing street patching. Started annual crack seal program.
 - Ongoing repair and replacement of street signs.
 - Continue compost site turning and maintenance.
 - Continued storm sewer maintenance repairs.

- Water and Sanitary Sewer
 - Continue inspections for water service line inventory.
 - Lead Free Roseville reporting at 80%
 - In progress - 2024 sewer television and cleaning.
 - Ongoing water main repairs.
 - Water tower fence being replaced.
 - All Generators for lift stations and booster station have been serviced.
 - Private hydrant inspections are underway.
 - Continued underground locates, weekly lift station inspections, collection of water samples, and replacing water meters and MIUs.

Council Updates:

- Below is a highlight of items recently presented to and/or acted on by the City Council. More information can be found in the agenda packets and minutes for the referenced Council meetings:

July 8

- Approved: Clean Water Fund Grant Agreement with Met Council (Water Efficiency Rebate)
- Approved: Purchase of New Vac Truck

July 15

- Received: Organizational equity update
- Received: Preliminary 2025-2044 Capital Improvement Plan
- Reviewed: Sales Tax Referendum Ballot Questions

July 22 (planned)

- Hold Joint Meeting with PWET
- Consider Approval of Resolution of Approval of Letter of Concurrence for Watershed District Boundary Change/Adjustment
- Provide Input on Recycling RFP
- Consider Approval of Quotes and Authorize Staff to Negotiate Final Cart Contract

2024 All Projects



Prepared by: Engineering Department
12/27/2023

- ✂ City Roadway Reconstruction
- City Roadway Mill & Overlay
- - County Roadway Project
- MNDOT Roadway Project
- Signal Improvement
- New Pathway
- Pathway Maintenance
- Parking Lot
- Retaining Wall
- Watermain Replacement
- Sanitary Sewer Project
- Street Light Project

Data Sources

- * Ramsey County GIS (12/05/2023)
- * City of Roseville Community Development
- * City of Roseville Finance Department

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Proposed2024_AllProjects



ROSEVILLE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT					
Updated: June 25, 2024					
	Project Name	Address	Project Description	Applicant/Owner Information	Starting
RESIDENTIAL	The Enclave	201-261 McCarrons Pl	20 detached townhomes	Ovation Homes	Summer 2021
	Parallel Apartments	1415 County Road B	89 unit apartment building	Alliance Building Corp	Fall 2023
	Residential New Construction	2239 Cleveland Ave	New single family home	Bald Eagle Builders Inc	Fall 2022
	Residential New Construction	3092-3094 Victoria St	New townhome	Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity	Summer 2023
	Residential New Construction	2444-2454 County Road D	New townhomes	JT MEZZ Construction LLC	Summer 2023
	Residential New Construction	1254 County Road B	New duplex	Restoration Professionals	Summer 2023
	Residential New Construction	251 Capitol View Cir	New single family home	Ovation Homes	Winter 2023
	Residential New Construction	2172 Eustis St	New single family home	Creative Homes Inc	Fall 2023
	Residential New Construction	2179 Eustis St	New single family home	Creative Homes Inc	Fall 2023
	Residential New Construction	841-843 Brenner Ave	New duplex	Lee Homes Inc	Fall 2023
	Residential New Construction	692 Skillman Ave	New single family home	Cara Builders LLC	Spring 2024
RETAIL	Rosedale Center South Wing	1595 Highway 36	Demo of South Wing Entry	VCC LLC	Fall 2022
	Old Panera Bread	1595 Highway 36 #940	Interior Demo	P.R.M. Contracting	Summer 2023
	Rocco	1595 Highway 36	Interior Remodel	P.R.M. Contracting	Summer 2023
	Dicks Sporting Goods	1675 Highway 36	New store	VCC LCC	Summer 2023
	JLL	1595 Highway 36	Exterior Remodel	Cy-Con Inc	Spring 2024
	Activate Games	1955 County Road B2	Interior Remodel	Arco Murray	Spring 2024
	HomeGoods	2480 Fairview Ave	Interior Remodel	Innovative Construction Solutions	Spring 2024
	Centro	1901 Highway 36	Interior Demo	Lucky Seven LLC	Spring 2024
	Laurus Athletic Rehab & Performance	2130 County Road C	Interior Remodel	Sever Construction Company	Spring 2024
	Rosedale Center	1595 Highway 36	EV Charging Stations	Casco Contractors	Spring 2024
	Cinnabon/Carvel	1595 Highway 36 #187	Tenant Remodel	Steiner Construction Services	
NON-RETAIL/OFFICE	MnDOT Waters Edge	1500 County Road B2	Mechanical upgrades	Versacon Inc	Fall 2023
	Everyday Church	2420 Cleveland Ave	Interior Remodel of former LA Fitness	Zeman Construction	Fall 2023
	Roseville Estates	2735-2755 Rice St	Demo old parking structure, add parking and garages	Welsh Construction	Fall 2023
	Eaglecrest Apartments	2945 Lincoln Dr	Remodel	Window World	Summer 2023
	Bimbo Bakery	2745 Long Lake Rd	Interior Remodel	Montgomery Brinkman	Summer 2023
	Rebiotix	2680 Patton Rd	Interior Alteration	McGough Construction Company	Fall 2023
	Kargo Delivers	2500 Cleveland Ave	Interior Remodel	Tile MSP DBA Dandy	Spring 2024
	Horton Incorporated	2565 Walnut St	Interior Remodel	Bauer Design Build	Spring 2024
	Minnesota Construction Law	3030 Centre Pointe Dr #100	Interior Remodel	J.G. Hause Construction Inc	Spring 2024
	Fairfield Inn	3045 Centre Pointe Dr	Interior Remodel	Fairfield Inn	Winter 2023
	Twin Lakes IV	2778 Cleveland Ave	Interior Remodel	The Bainey Group	Winter 2023
	University of Northwestern-St Paul	2993 Snelling Ave	Interior Remodel	PCL Construction Services Inc	Spring 2024
	St.Croix Hospice	1751 County Road B #105	Interior Remodel	St. Paul Construction Company	Spring 2024
	Western & Southern Financial Group	1700 Highway 36 #380	Tenant Remodel	Encompass Properties	Spring 2024
	AbleNet	2625 Patton Rd	Interior Remodel	Montgomery Brinkman LLC	Spring 2024
	Gustave A Larson	2280 Walnut St	Interior Remodel	Lindee Construction	Spring 2024
	Able Hose & Rubber	2340 County Road C	Interior Remodel/Expansion	Sever Construction	Spring 2024
	Global Health Link	2277 Highway 36	Interior Remodel/Expansion	VY Management LLC	Spring 2024
	Old Dutch	2375 Terminal Rd	Interior Remodel	Langer Construction Company	Spring 2024
	Woodstone Inc	2361 Highway 36 #110	Tenant Remodel	Fixed Assets Inc	Spring 2024
	Concordia Academy	2400 Dale St	Tenant Remodel	Langer Construction Company	Summer 2024
	AVI-SPL	2730 Arthur St	Tenant Remodel	Anderson CC	Summer 2024
	Rosedale Estates	2735-2755 Rice St	Exterior Remodel	Allan Dorney Construction	Summer 2024



Sustainability Newsletter

Public Works &
Engineering Division

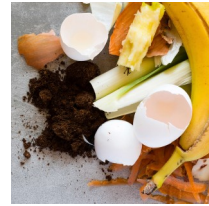
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**Sustainability Tip —
Minnesota State
Parks**



**Stop Food Waste
Challenge**



Composting 101



**Recycling Ambassa-
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Sustainability Tip — Exploring MN State Parks

This month's tip is written by Evelyn Ankrum, our summer sustainability intern from Winona State University!

Growing up, I had the privilege of going on numerous camping trips to various Minnesota state parks. Spending my childhood at campsites and on hiking trails led me to understand the importance of Minnesota's natural spaces and the opportunities they provide. When I visited state parks as a child, I enjoyed exploring the world around me. As an adult, I still find value in exploration while recognizing the important steps state parks take to offer educational opportunities, conserve Minnesota's natural spaces, and promote environmental stewardship. Minnesota state parks provide numerous recreational and educational opportunities while taking measures to conserve natural plant and animal species.



Fort Snelling State Park from the [MN DNR](#)

The state of Minnesota is home to 65 parks that offer opportunities for relaxation, adventure, and education. You don't have to be interested in camping to enjoy state parks; most visitors come for the day. Whether you're looking to plan a large family outing or a solo adventure, Minnesota state parks cater to a wide range of interests. The list of possible activities at state parks includes camping, fishing, biking (on paved and unpaved trails), hiking, birding, geocaching, swimming, climbing, paddling, educational programs, historical information, various equipment rentals, and more. Many parks are also open during the winter months, providing opportunities for skiing, ice fishing, sledding, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, fat biking, and winter camping. Learn more about what parks offer certain [summer](#) and [winter activities](#).

Education is an important mission of the Minnesota State Park System. Most parks have a Junior Ranger Program, designed for kids ages six to ten but available to anyone. After completing activities in the Junior Ranger booklet, you can head back to the visitor center to collect a free Junior Ranger patch. This program is designed to help introduce children to environmental concepts and help families engage with the state park during their visit.

In addition to the Junior Ranger program, many parks have educational ranger-led events designed for children and adults. These events could include guided nature walks, "Ask a Naturalist" events, information on environmental conservation, and educational presentations on specific animals. See the [state parks and trails events calendar](#) to learn more. Interactive experiences offered by the parks provide outdoor education and make learning about nature exciting for both adults and children.

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Join the Stop Food Waste Challenge!



About 40% of food is wasted somewhere along the supply chain. All that wasted food adds up to wasted money. The average family of four spends more than \$2,500 on food that goes to waste every year. By taking steps to reduce food waste, we can save money, fight climate change, provide for our families, and improve our cooking skills.

The Stop Food Waste Challenge, stopfoodwaste.ecochallenge.org will help participants learn more about food waste and improve skills in cooking, planning, shopping, and storage. The challenge has more than 60 actions to choose from in six categories. Participants check off the actions they already take, then select up to five one-time actions and five daily actions to track progress on during the four-week challenge.

Team up with Roseville to fight food waste with the Stop Food Waste Challenge! By committing to actions that reduce food waste, we can save money, fight climate change, provide for our families, and improve our cooking skills. Sign up by July 31; the challenge runs from August 1 to August 31.

The online Stop Food Waste Challenge is offered in partnership with Hennepin County, Ramsey County, and Washington County and is powered by EcoChallenge.

Food Scraps and Composting 101

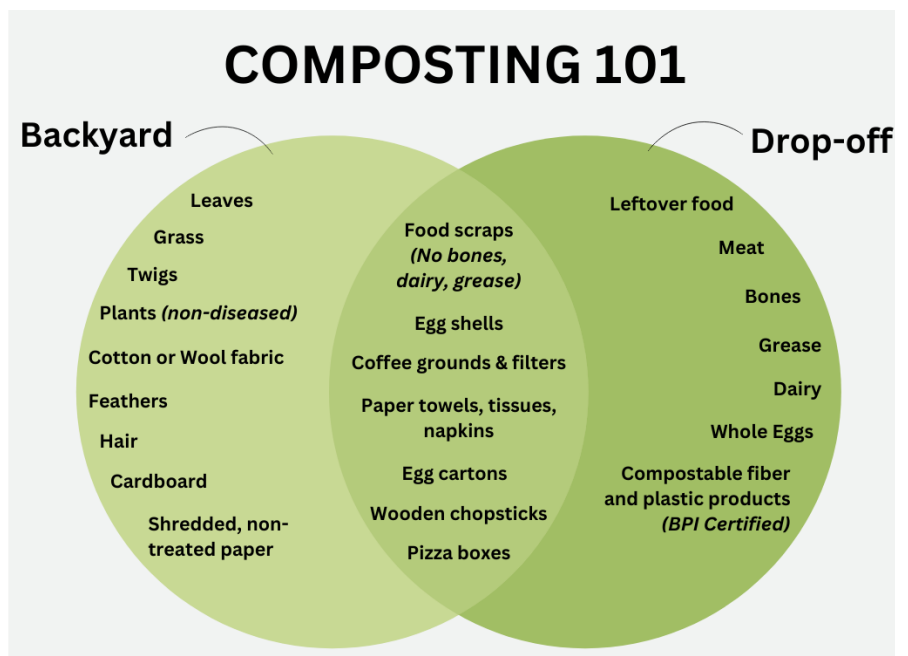
Tossing your food scraps into your [backyard compost](#) or [bringing them to the drop site](#) is a great way to make a sustainable difference in your own home by turning some of the waste you already make into rich compost!

Are you interested in trying this but don't know how to start? [Watch a short how-to video from Ramsey County](#) about how the food scrap composting process works from start to finish.

It's important to know there are some differences between what can go in your backyard compost and what is accepted at the drop sites. We've created a diagram to make it easier to decide what should go where.

The drop-off site is a great option for residents who don't have a yard or don't feel comfortable tending a backyard compost pile.

If you are interested in home composting, there are many resources available to help you get started. **It's important to be mindful of the type and quantity of foods you put into your home compost pile to avoid attracting critters—combining your backyard compost with using the drop-off site is a great way to compost more of your waste!**



- [Ramsey County guide to backyard composting](#)
- [University of Minnesota Extension guide to home composting](#)

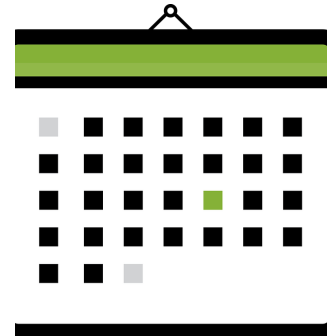
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Events and Resources

State Home Energy Rebates—Public Informational meeting:

Wednesday, July 17th, 6-7pm, Urban League Twin Cities (2100

Plymouth Avenue North, Minneapolis) To provide opportunities for the public and interested stakeholders to inform the design of Minnesota's Home Energy Rebate (HER) programs, Minnesota Department of Commerce will host six in-person public forums to take place throughout Minnesota over a two-week period in the summer of 2024. These forums aim to gather local perspectives, insights, and priorities from those who will benefit from the program, ensuring inclusivity and reaching populations often underrepresented in decision-making processes. **Want to help inform the design of the programs? [Sign up to participate in the advisory group.](#)**



Saint Paul Party Supply Swap—Fri 7/19 3:30-5:30p and Sat 7/20 10am-1pm, Palace Community Center (781 Palace Ave). Bring your unwanted party supplies, new or gently used, to the swap, where they can find new life at someone else's celebration! Then, stick around and browse the shelves! For a full list of accepted items, visit www.stpaul.gov/swaps.

Ramsey County Fix-It Clinic—Saturday, July 27th, 10am-1pm, Maplewood Library. Bring household goods and clothing in need of repair. Please bring any tools and supplies you think might help. Events are first come, first serve. **Volunteers needed!** No fix-it skills needed.

MN State Fair Waste Audit—Saturday 8/24 1:00-5:45pm. Help MPCA and The Rotary to conduct a State Fair-wide waste audit! The goal of this audit is to identify opportunities for the State Fair to reduce their waste and improve their recycling and reuse programs. Teams will sort waste, visit bins and talk to vendors. This is an exciting opportunity to help the Great Minnesota Get Together be more sustainable! Plus, you get a free ticket to get into the fair! **Learn more and sign up here.**

Electroposium 2.0 Event 2024—Monday 9/23 at McNamara Alumni Center. The second installment of this event aims to inspire and empower the next generation of electrification leaders, showcasing cutting-edge technological advancements, offering hands-on training, and fostering vibrant discussions about the future of electrification. The Electroposium is a free and unparalleled networking opportunity for students, industry professionals, and academic experts alike. Perfect for anyone interested in the burgeoning electrification industry. **Learn more and register here.**

Ramsey County Recycling Ambassador Training

Registration for the next Ramsey County **Recycling Ambassador Program** training is now open!

Recycling Ambassadors volunteer to encourage our community to reduce, reuse, and recycle. Topics covered in the training include food scraps recycling, climate change, environmental justice, household hazardous waste, and general recycling.

The training will take place virtually 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays: Sept. 10, Sept. 17, Sept. 24, Oct. 1, Oct. 8 and Oct. 15. Please make sure you have access to the internet and are available for all six workshops before registering.

[Click here to learn more and to sign up.](#)



RAMSEY COUNTY

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(Continued from Page 1) Minnesota State Parks



Sibley State Park from the [MN DNR](#)

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) plays a crucial role in conservation efforts, including at our state parks. State park workers and volunteers manage habitats, restore native ecosystems, and protect endangered species. Here are some recent and ongoing projects from the Minnesota Parks and Trails Resource Management Program:

- In 2019, a herd of goats was temporarily introduced to Flandrau State Park in New Ulm to eat invasive plant species like buckthorn, garlic mustard, and dame's rocket.
- Controlled burns have been conducted in Buffalo River State Park in Glyndon. This practice helps stimulate native forest and prairie growth.
- Minneopa and Blue Mounds State Park maintain a bison herd as part of the Minnesota Bison Conservation Herd project.
- In 2023, Glacial Lakes State Park facilitated the reintroduction of the federally endangered Dakota skipper butterfly into the park prairie landscape.
- Volunteers and staff crews cut hundreds of acres of European buckthorn annually in Minnesota parks.
- State parks support wetland and water resource protection through riverbank stabilization, reinforcing eroded surfaces, and working to improve the resilience of Minnesota's watersheds.
- The parks are home to numerous scientific research projects, including animal inventories, geological investigations, environmental monitoring, and archaeological surveys.

Like the resource management projects done in state parks, the City of Roseville has taken action to improve habitat and promote the restoration of local ecosystems.

The city has restored a combined total of 5.7 acres of native prairie habitat, located at Corpus Christi Church, Twin Lakes Trail, Concordia Pond, and Willow Pond.

Since 2014, Roseville has worked on 376 acres of city parks to remove invasive plant species like buckthorn and garlic mustard.

Find a state park and plan your visit! On select days each year, Minnesota state parks offer free admission! The next day of free admission this year is Friday, November 29th. If you miss a free admission day, you'll need to purchase a vehicle permit; this can be done [online](#) or at the park office. If you plan on taking multiple state park trips, the year-round vehicle permit can help save you time and money. These permits can also be purchased [online](#) or at the park office. If you plan on more than just a day trip, reserving a campsite is a must. See MN [State Parks and Trails](#) to reserve a campsite or park facility. Minnesota parks offer multiple options for lodging, including traditional tent sites, RV sites, group camps, camper cabins, horse camping, backpack sites, and more!

Minnesota state parks are places of recreation, education, and environmental conservation. Whether you're looking for family adventures or solo relaxation, there is a Minnesota state park that can cater to any interest. With educational programs and numerous recreational opportunities, they are the perfect place to visit year-round.

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Positive Climate News



In a Seismic Shift, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Elevates Nature-Based Solutions. In a new memo, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers announced it will expand the use of nature-based solutions in its civil works projects. **Related on a local level: Minnesota towns see success replacing aging dams with rock rapids.**

Hawaii settles lawsuit from youths over climate change. Navahine v. Hawaii Department of Transportation is the world's first youth-led constitutional climate case addressing climate pollution from the transportation sector. A key term of the settlement requires Hawaii to achieve zero greenhouse gas emissions across all transportation modes, including ground transportation and sea and air interisland transportation, "no later than 2045."

Inside America's billion-dollar quest to squeeze more trees into cities—A fascinating tour with an urban forester in Washington, D.C. as they examine different sites for urban tree canopy expansion. **Multiple entities in Minnesota** (including Great River Greening and Hennepin County) received grants from this same program!

The US is about to get its first solar-covered canal—An interesting new concept will be constructed over irrigation canals in Arizona, as a solution to add solar infrastructure, limit disruption to ecosystems and agricultural land, and prevent water evaporation and algae growth in the water. The Casa Blanca installation will provide additional solar energy for the Pima and Maricopa tribes.

What's better for the climate: A paper book, or an e-reader? - The short answer? It depends on how much you read.

Thank you from your Roseville Sustainability Team!

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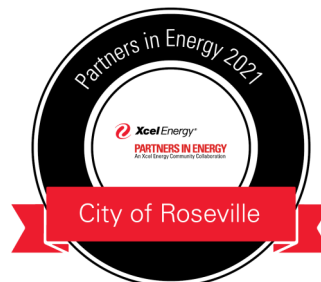
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Roseville Public Works, Environment and Transportation Commission

Agenda Item

DATE: July 23, 2024

ITEM: 5.a.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Green To Go Update

Background

At the January 12, 2024 City Council meeting, Council approved an engagement plan for staff to conduct community engagement regarding a Green To Go ordinance proposal.

180 licensed food businesses currently operate in the city of Roseville, and the COVID-19 pandemic resulted in many more restaurants offering take-out service: digital ordering and delivery have grown 300% faster than dine-in traffic since 2014.

Food waste and packaging make up about 45% of all materials in U.S. landfills, and some studies suggest that restaurants account for nearly 80% of disposable packaging waste in the U.S. Of these materials, polystyrene, better known as Styrofoam, is commonly used in food takeout containers. Production, usage, and disposal of this substance presents multiple environmental and public health risks, including contribution to the presence of microplastics in soil and waterways. Following a January 2022 presentation from a University of Minnesota scientist on microplastics and their environmental effect, the Public Works, Environment, and Transportation Commission (PWETC) requested that staff research zero waste ordinances in other cities.

As of July 2024, the cities of Minneapolis, Saint Paul, Saint Louis Park, and Edina have enacted ordinances to require takeout food packaging to be either commercially compostable or recyclable.

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Metropolitan Policy Plan for the Solid Waste Management sets forth a goal for metro counties to reach a 75% recycling rate by 2030. As of 2020, Roseville's recycling rate was 46.2%. Implementing a takeout food packaging ordinance, in combination with Ramsey County's forthcoming Food Scraps Pickup program, would help the City of Roseville come closer to meeting that goal. Additionally, commercial businesses could reduce their solid waste fees by separately disposing of compostable materials and food waste.

In the 2024 Minnesota Legislative session, legislators passed the Packaging Waste and Cost Reduction Act, which includes a requirement that all packaging in Minnesota must be recyclable or compostable by 2032.

Recommendation

Receive update and provide feedback to staff.

Attachments

1. Green To Go Update Presentation
2. Green To Go Draft Ordinance
3. Green To Go Survey Results

Green To Go Engagement Update

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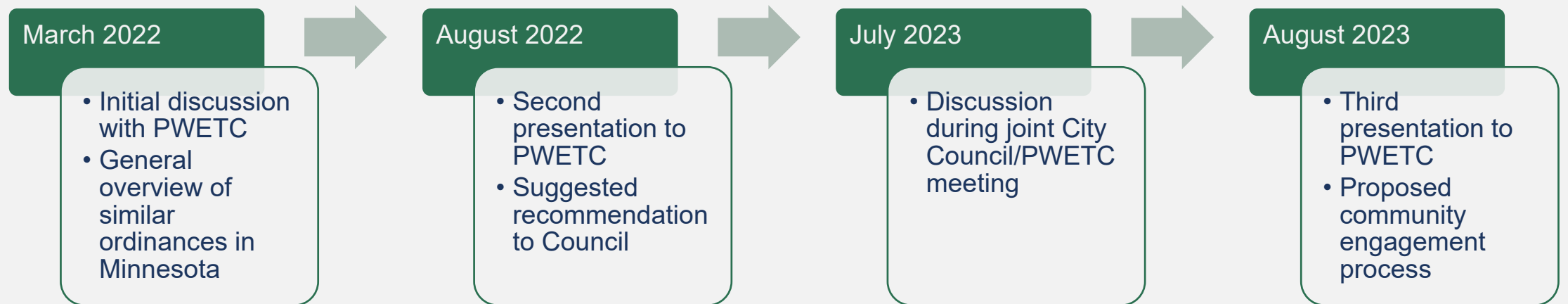
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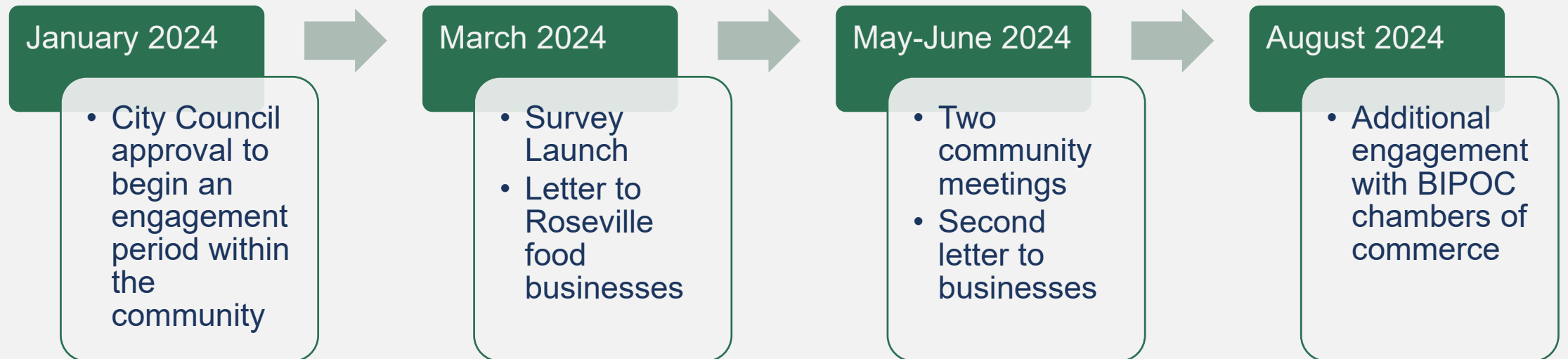
Green to Go - Overview

- History of discussion
- Why implement a packaging ordinance?
- Overview of engagement
- Survey results
- Implementation & enforcement recommendations
- Questions and discussion

Green to Go – Discussion History



Green to Go – History



Why Green to Go?

- Reduce use of Styrofoam packaging in food service
- Reduce PFAS in the waste stream
- Support MPCA's Solid Waste Plan and increase recycling rate
 - Goal: 75% recycling rate by 2030
 - Roseville's rate is approximately 46%
- Encourage composting materials with Ramsey & Washington Counties' food scraps pickup program coming sometime in 2024
- Adds consistency with other nearby communities and the newly passed Packaging Waste and Cost Reduction Act
- **Zero waste is as important on a local scale as it is globally.**

Why Takeout Containers for Food?

- Two major solid waste issues:
 - **Plastic pollution & microplastics**
 - **Food waste**
- Food and packaging make up almost 45% of materials landfilled in the US
- 4-10% of food purchased by food service businesses is thrown out before even reaching the consumer
 - **30% of food is wasted in total**
- By composting those food waste scraps, we can turn them back into something useful.

Equity Considerations

- **Racial disparities in business ownership can present in lower overall earnings, growth, access to loans and other credit compared to white-owned businesses.**
 - Roseville staff must play a strong role in helping small businesses, especially those that are BIPOC-owned, navigate applications for financial and technical assistance.
- **Survey was offered online and only in English**
 - Business owners and residents who speak little or no English were unable to complete the survey
 - Someone without internet access could not have completed the survey
- **Low-income households are more likely to use delivery or takeout apps compared to higher-income households.**
 - The ordinance could have a regressive effect on low-income households if business owners raise prices in response
 - Race and income are closely linked – therefore BIPOC households could be affected.
- **Landfills, incinerators, and waste-to-energy facilities are often located near communities of color.**
 - Reducing waste, increasing recycling and composting rates, and educating residents about proper hazardous waste disposal are all important ways to reduce the need to expand or build new facilities.

Outreach Overview

- **Met with Hospitality Minnesota** to receive feedback on the proposal and outreach plan
- **Informational letters** sent in March and June to licensed food businesses in Roseville
- **Online surveys** for businesses and residents, open since March
- Two in-person **listening sessions** with staff from Visit Roseville, Twin Cities North Chamber, Ramsey County, and several packaging suppliers/distributors
- **In-person outreach** with restaurants to inform them about the initiative, survey, and funding options from BizRecycling.
- **Contacted professional organizations** – MN Grocers, MN Retailers, MN Food Trucks, etc. to inform them about the proposal

Survey Analysis – Businesses

19 total responses of 142 unique locations (180 total businesses) = 13% responded

Trends

- Cost is the biggest issue (11 of 19 replies)
- Most respondents are **unfamiliar** with BizRecycling (14 of 19 replies)
- **Getting connected with suppliers and funding resources** were rated most highly to be helpful to businesses, should we pass this ordinance.
- Almost all respondents carry 3 months or less of packaging supplies on hand, so the opportunity for a relatively short changeover exists.

Notable comments

- Multiple responses commented on **the lack of control they have over the packaging once it's in the hands of the consumer**
- Several comments about the **efficacy of the packaging with their food compared to other disposable options**

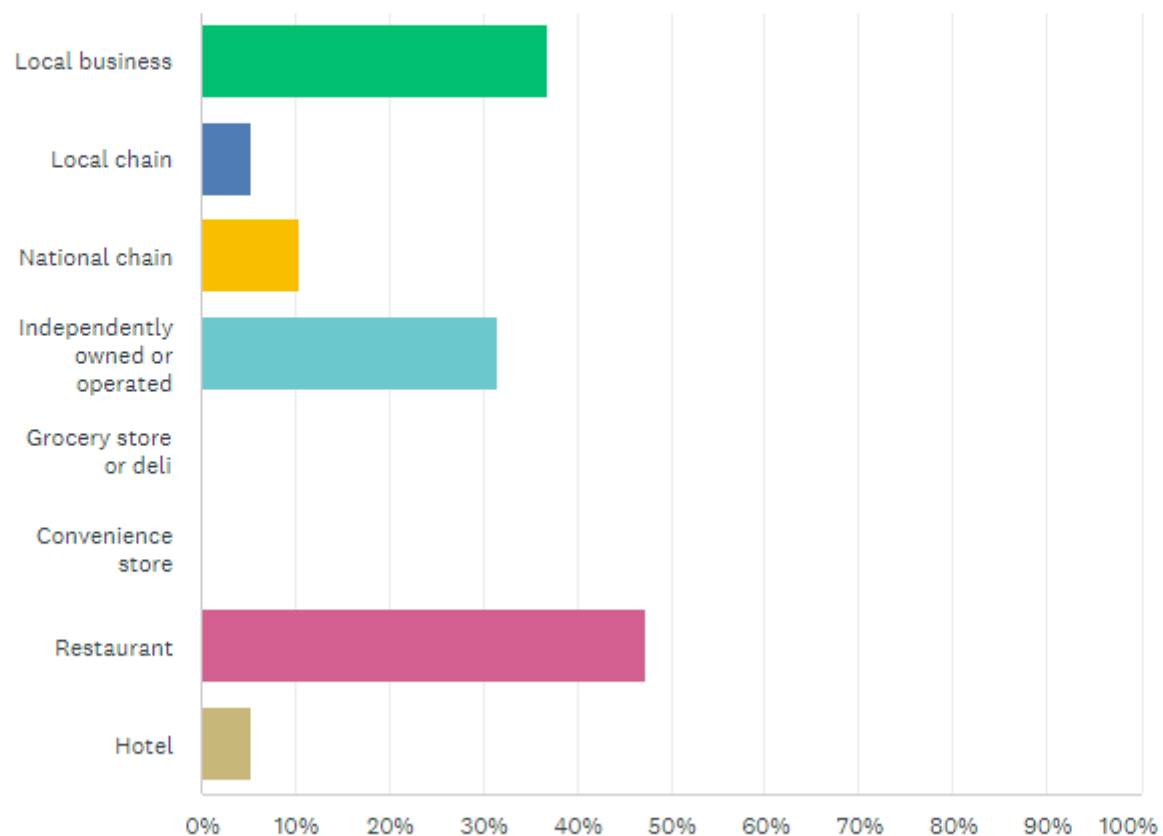
Biases

- Since the survey was online and in English, respondents that don't speak English as their first language may have had trouble with the survey or didn't open it
- An online survey is biased towards people with a smartphone and/or internet access.
- Majority of respondents were white

Survey Analysis – Businesses

Which of the following best describes your business (select all that apply)?

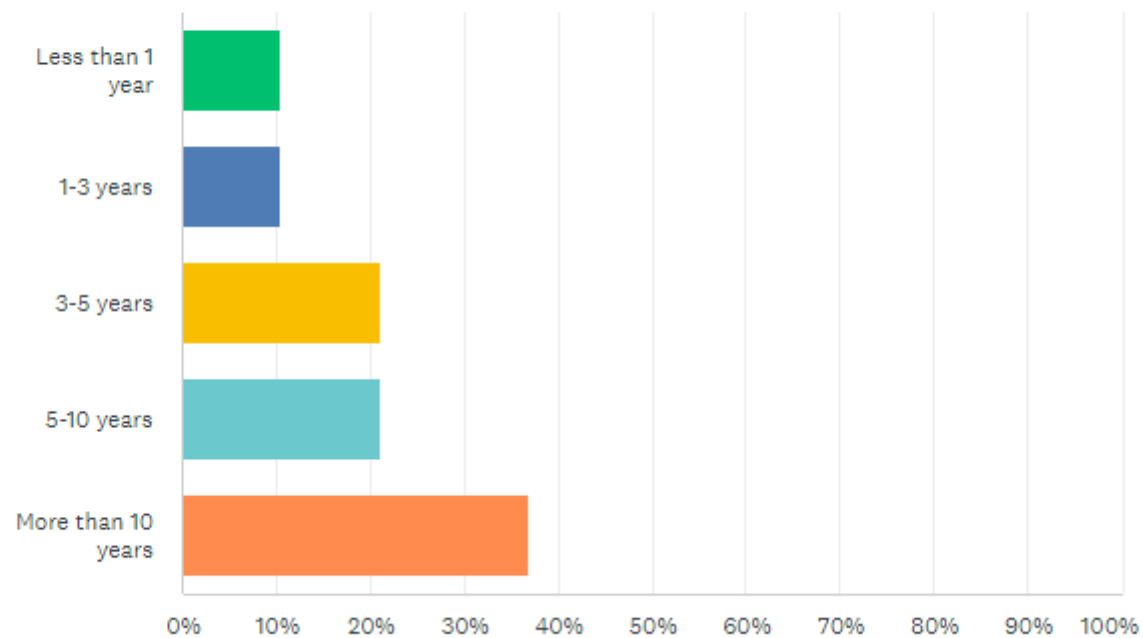
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Survey Analysis – Businesses

How long has your business been open?

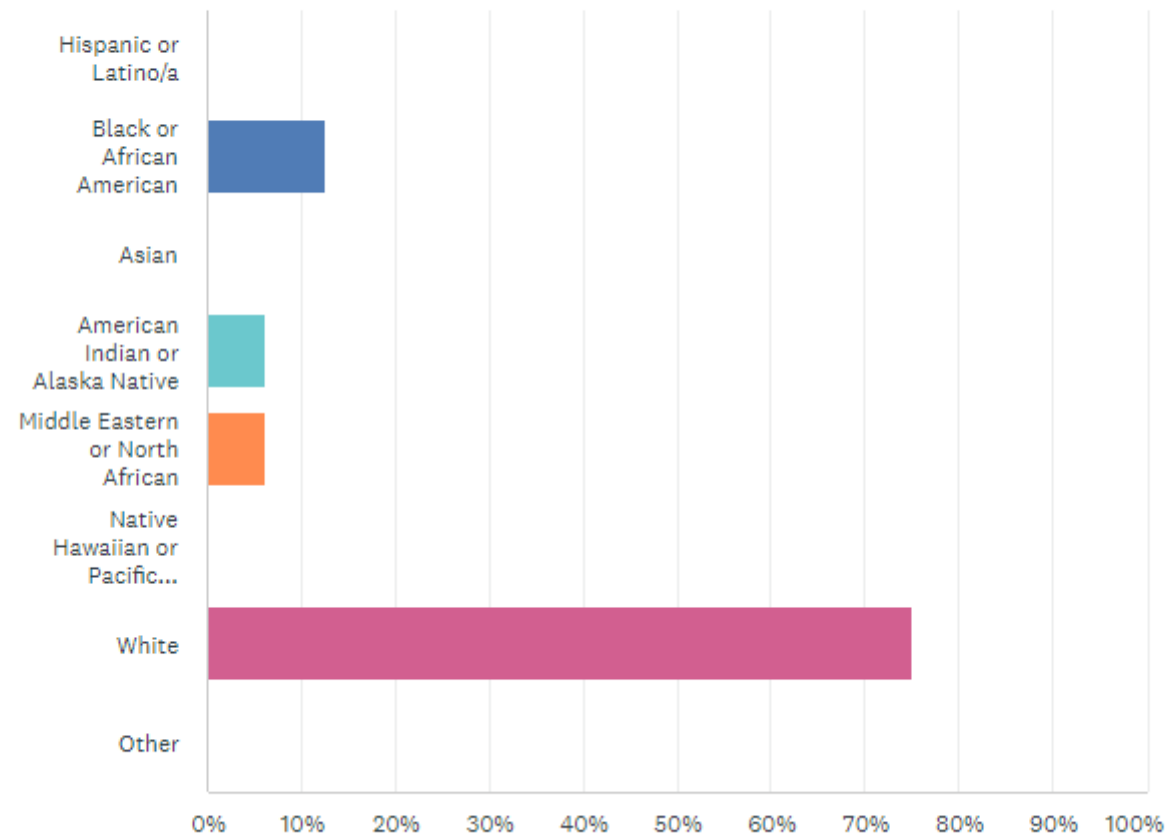
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Survey Analysis – Businesses

(Optional) What is your race or ethnicity?

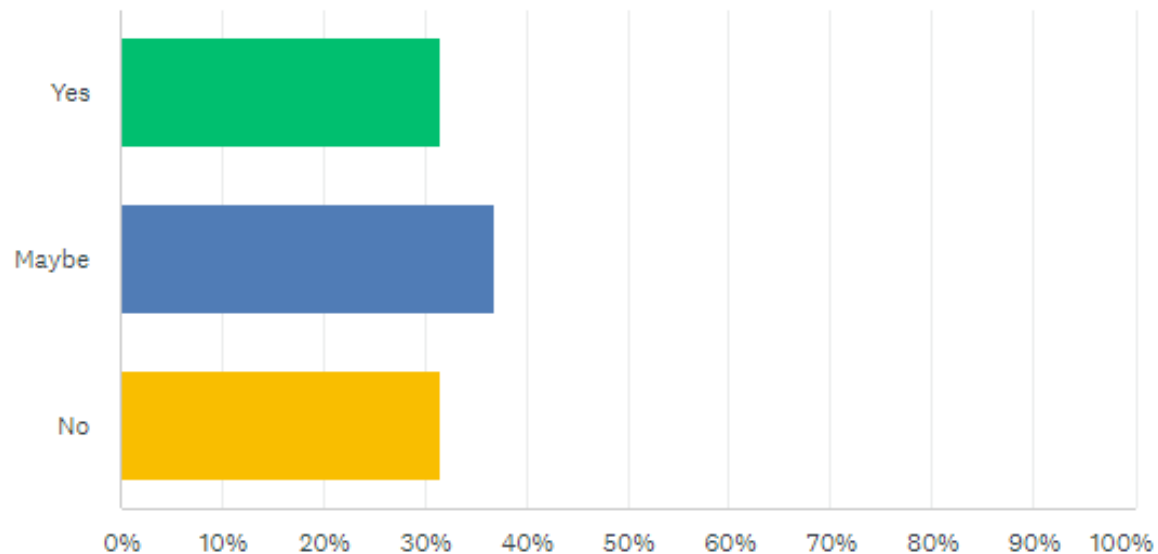
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Survey Analysis – Businesses (19 total responses)

Do you support an ordinance requiring takeout materials to be compostable or recyclable?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 0



Survey Analysis – Businesses

*“They [the containers] are considerably more expensive (**sometimes twice the price**) and they are sometimes hard to get in a timely manner because they are usually special order.”*

“I would be open to using something sustainable that was more economical than what is currently offered. We have resisted raising our prices throughout the last 4 years, as we try to offer our services at an affordable price point which is very hard to find anymore.

Costs of goods, taxes and wages continue to rise making it hard for small businesses to remain profitable and worth the hard work it takes to operate a small business.”

“We have tried to educate our students on campus and they don’t seem to understand or care. They put recycling in the compost container therefore contaminating it.”

Survey Analysis - Residents

74 total responses

Trends

- Just under half of all respondents eat out once a week or more (49%)
- 24% said the takeout materials restaurants offer affect where they eat
- 77% would pay a small upcharge if the restaurant offered compostable or fully recyclable options (many said "depends how small").
 - An upcharge passes the cost to the consumer and could have additional negative impacts on low-income families
- **89% of respondents support a Green to Go ordinance**

Notable comments and themes

- Concerns about microplastics and non-recyclable plastic
- Concerns about different city/county recycling requirements - if someone from Anoka County purchases takeout, does it matter since they don't have composting?
- Perception that an ordinance is necessary for restaurants to change packaging materials.

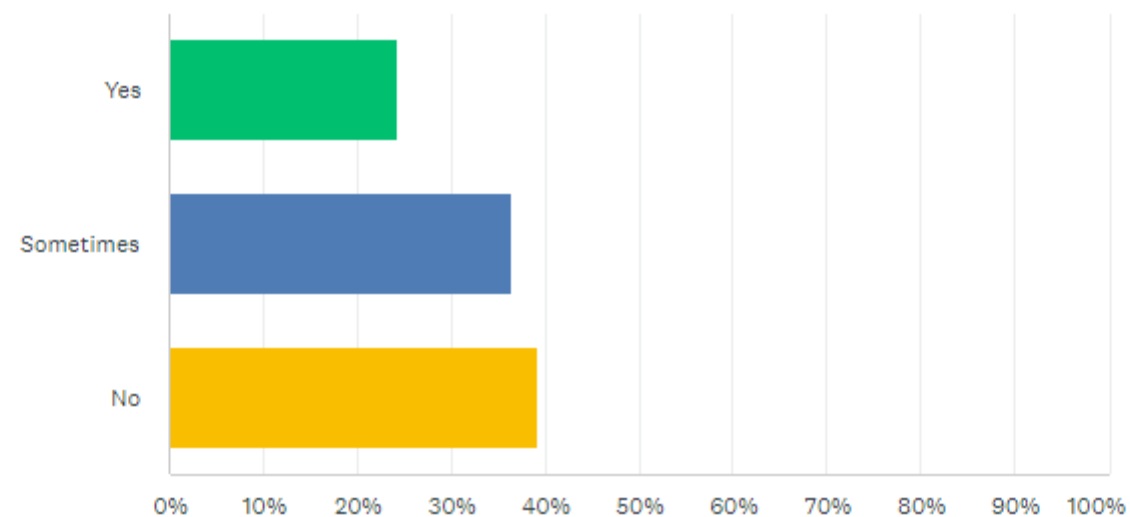
Biases

- Residents passionate or concerned about this issue are more likely to take time to complete the survey
- There is far less financial risk for the consumer compared to the business

Survey Analysis - Residents

Do the takeout materials offered by restaurants affect where you choose to eat?

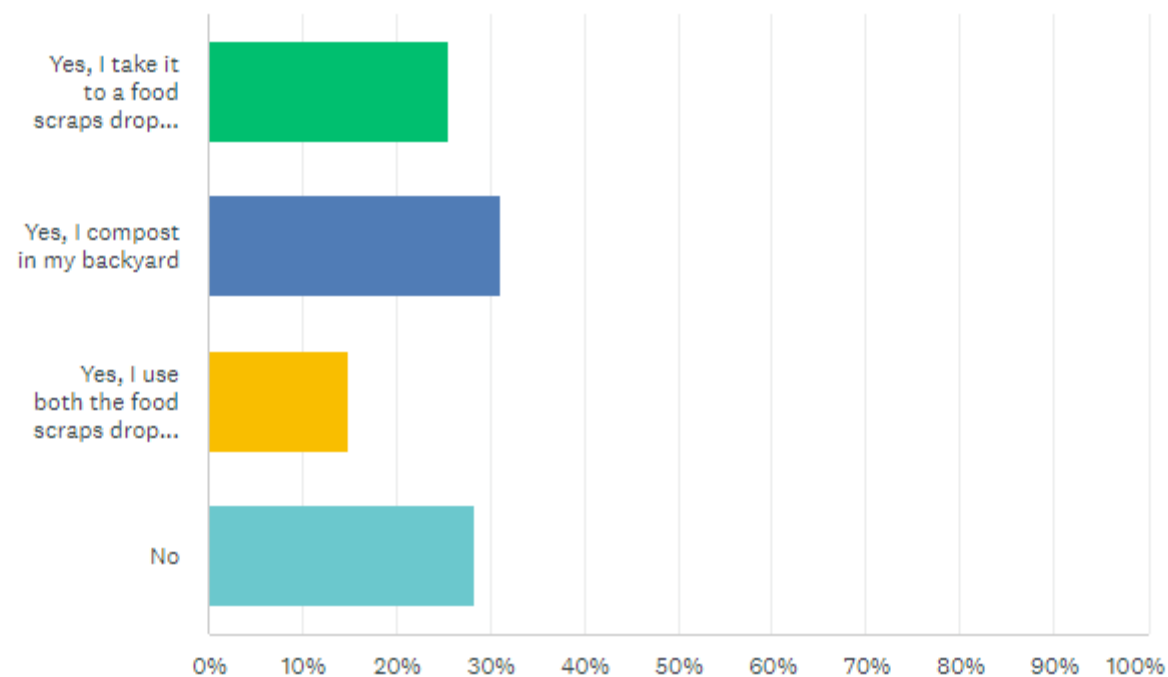
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Survey Analysis - Residents

Do you separate your food scraps and compostable waste?

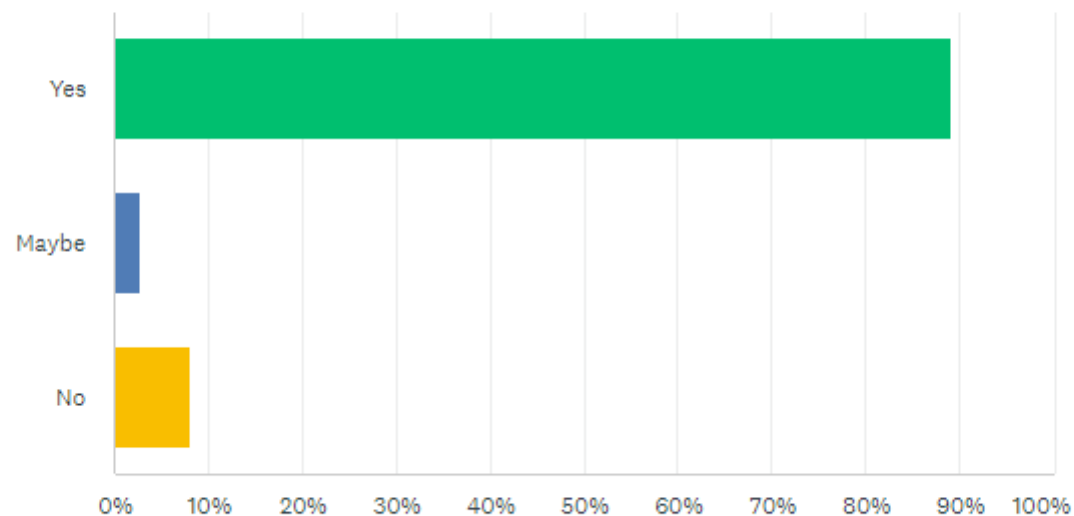
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Survey Analysis - Residents

Do you support a city ordinance that requires restaurant takeout containers to be recyclable or compostable?

Answered: 74 Skipped: 0



Survey Analysis – Residents

*“Everything depends on what people do with the recyclable / compostable containers after using them. **This ambitious effort is useless if the containers are just thrown into the trash.**”*

As busy parents it is difficult to do all we want to for the environment, so this kind of program is one we support whole-heartedly.

“I'd like to see Roseville reduce single-use plastics (e.g. utensils), and make it easier to recycle plastics (e.g. #4). Can't wait for Ramsey County to include us in the compost pickup project!”

“If a business wants to add this on their own, that's great. It should not be mandatory.”

Roseville-specific Implications

- Our food-related inspections are done by Ramsey County Environmental Health
 - **They don't have regulatory authority to enforce local ordinances on our behalf**
 - Ramsey County can provide us with licensee contact information
 - Multiple regulatory parties can be confusing for restaurants
- Food trucks aren't inspected by Ramsey County
- Caterers – companies based in the city/county of inspection but may not necessarily be operating in that same city or county

Resources available for businesses

Support from BizRecycling, WasteWise, and MNimize

- Technical assistance from MN Chamber of Commerce
- Evaluate hauler bills alongside arranging organics pickup
- Connect with suppliers
- Help finding products
- Recycling grants
 - Up to \$10,000
 - Includes all containers and equipment, bin labels
 - Can include switching to reusable ware
 - Dishwashers and sanitizers
 - Enclosure builds/expansions
 - Staff training
 - Compostable containers (up to \$5000 or a 6 month supply)
- Waste Reduction Innovation Grants
 - Up to \$50,000
 - High capital equipment projects to prevent waste creation

Green to Go Ordinance Recommendations

- Follow exemptions similar to other Minnesota cities:
 - Healthcare facilities
 - Licensed caterers
 - Foods prepackaged by manufacturer
 - Plastic films
- Determine other material exemptions as necessary based on restaurant feedback
- Enforcement based on annual visits to review packaging materials
 - 60-90 days to make necessary changes
 - Administrative fine if changes are not made
- Informational packets for new restaurants
 - Ordinance information
 - BizRecycling information

Recommended Next Steps

- Use comments and feedback to develop ordinance language
 - **Based on discussions and survey results from businesses, recommend adding a hardship exemption**
- If approved, 12 month phase for education, adaptation
 - Packaging fair to connect restaurants with suppliers
 - Observe whether any material exemptions needed
 - Early adopters during this time frame receive recognition from City's Sustainable Steward award
- Post-12 month phase-in:
 - Annual site visits to restaurants to explain ordinance and check inventory and onsite recycling/organics collection.
 - St. Louis Park taking this approach
 - Informational packet for new restaurants
- Throughout:
 - Staff should connect frequently with small businesses to help them find technical assistance and grant programs.
- Staffing needs:
 - Intern or graduate fellow who is knowledgeable about these concepts and can help with business outreach, communications, and event organization.



Questions?



THANK YOU

Public Works Department

Title 4 – HEALTH AND SANITATION

Section 4XX.01. GREEN TO GO PACKAGING

DIVISION 1. GENERALLY

Sec. 4XX.01. Purpose and objectives.

The purpose and intent of this article is to:

- (1) Promote waste reduction.
 - a. Lowering the amount of greenhouse gases emitted during the incineration and landfilling of non-recyclable and compostable food and beverage packaging and non-packaging items.
 - b. Assisting the City in reaching the waste reduction goals established by the State of Minnesota and Ramsey County.
- (2) Promote waste prevention.
 - a. By encouraging the use of reusable food and beverage packaging when possible.
 - b. By reducing or eliminating products that create waste such as single-use, disposable food and beverage packaging and non-packaging items that cannot be recycled or composted, and must be disposed of by incinerating or landfill.
- (3) Promote waste recycling by maximizing the amount of single-use food and beverage packaging and non-packaging items that can be recycled or composted.
- (4) Minimize contamination in organics and recycling.

Sec. 4XX.02. Definitions.

The following words shall have the meaning ascribed to them, unless the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Certified compostable shall mean that a material or product will biodegrade without leaving a residue or any toxicity in the soil. Any compostable plastics or lined papers must meet the ASTM standards for compostable products, as certified by the Biodegradable Products Institute or other similar independent certification bodies.

Commercially compostable shall mean that certified compostable materials will biodegrade at a commercial site used to compost organic materials where the environment is carefully controlled and regulated to facilitate optimal degradation.

Food and beverage packaging shall mean packaging used to serve food and beverage products intended for immediate consumption including cups, plates, bowls, serving trays, to-go containers, clamshells, wrappers, and lids.

Food establishment shall mean a "food establishment" as defined by Roseville City Code.

Green to go packaging shall mean and include any of the following:

Compostable packaging: packaging that is separable from solid waste by the generator or prior to collection for the purpose of composting. Compostable packaging must be made of unlined paper (unless lining is certified compostable), certified compostable plastic that meets ASTM standards or other cellulose-based packaging capable of being decomposed through composting or anaerobic digestion.

Subpart A - CODE OF ORDINANCES
Chapter 20 - HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT
ARTICLE XII. - GREEN TO GO PACKAGING
DIVISION 2. ON-SITE COLLECTION FOR RECYCLABLES AND COMPOSTABLE PACKAGING

Recyclable packaging: food or beverage packaging that is separable from solid waste prior to collection for the purpose of recycling. Recyclable packaging must be accepted by the local material recovery facilities (MRF) receiving and processing the materials and have existing robust recycling markets as determined by Ramsey County. This includes glass bottles, aluminum cans and plastic food and beverage packaging. Plastic food and beverage packaging that is acceptable as determined by Ramsey County.

Mobile food unit shall mean "mobile food unit" as defined in Roseville City Code.

Non-packaging food service items shall mean items that are not packaging, but are used to consume food, including straws and utensils.

Reusable packaging shall mean food or beverage packaging that is capable of being refilled at a retail location or returned to the distributor for reuse at least once as a container for the same food or beverage.

Single-use shall mean an item designed and intended for a single use.

DIVISION 2. ON-SITE COLLECTION FOR RECYCLABLES AND COMPOSTABLE PACKAGING

Sec. 4XX.03. Rules.

- (a) No person owning, operating or conducting a food establishment or any person or organization providing free food or beverage products within the City of Roseville in a manner which would require a permit or license, shall do or allow to be done any of the following within the city:
 - (1) Provide or possess for sale any packaging which is not green to go. Presence of food and beverage packaging other than Green to Go will be presumed as non-compliance with this article.
 - (2) This subparagraph shall not apply to manufacturers, brokers or warehouse operators, who conduct or transact no retail food or beverage business.
- (b) To reduce contamination in recycling and organics, mobile use-food establishments and all other food establishments shall implement the following:
 - (1) Single-use cups and containers that are utilized with lids shall have lids of the same category of packaging.
 - (2) Recyclable packaging shall only have recyclable lids.
 - (3) Compostable packaging shall only have compostable lids.
- (c) Compostable cups shall be labeled to clearly indicate to the consumer that the cup is compostable. Labeling must include at least one of the following:
 - (1) The words "certified compostable," "commercially compostable" or other language which meet ASTM standards. "Made from plants," "bio-based," or "biodegradable" are not acceptable alternatives on their own.
 - (2) The logo of a third-party certification or testing body indicating the cup meets commercially compostable standards, as approved by the City of Roseville.

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- (d) All food establishments shall implement the following in relation to non-packaging food service items:
 - (1) Single-use utensils including, but not limited to, forks, spoons, and knives shall be compostable.
 - (2) Single-use straws of any kind shall only be provided to consumers upon request. Front-of-house straw dispensers, which allow for customers to self-serve, meet this requirement.
 - (e) A food establishment which utilizes single-use compostable and/or recyclable food packaging to serve consumers on-site shall have on-site collection for recyclable and/or compostable packaging.
 - (1) A food establishment that does not utilize single-use packaging to serve consumers on-site is exempt from the requirement to have on-site collection for recyclable and/or compostable packaging.
 - (2) A food establishment that does not have dine-in seating for consumers is exempt from the requirement to have on-site collection for recyclable and/or compostable packaging.
 - (3) If a mobile food unit or establishment is being hosted by an entity as part of an event or regular business, the hosting entity shall provide on-site collection for recyclable and/or compostable packaging.
 - (f) Containers for the on-site collection of recyclable and/or compostable packaging shall be co-located with garbage containers.
 - (1) If garbage receptacles are available to consumers, then receptacles for separating recyclable and/or compostable packaging must also be made available to consumers in the same location.
 - (2) If garbage receptacles are not available to consumers and are instead placed in areas for use by staff only, then receptacles for separating recyclable and/or compostable packaging are only required in those locations.
 - (g) A food establishment shall arrange for the collection of recyclable and/or compostable packaging by a licensed solid waste collector for delivery to an appropriate transfer station or processing facility.

Sec. 20-639. Exclusions and exceptions.

Notwithstanding any other provisions to the contrary, this article shall not apply to:

- (1) Manufacturers, brokers, distributors or warehouse operators who conduct or transact no retail food or beverage business;
- (2) Food and beverage service provided through patient care at hospitals and nursing homes;
- (3) Food and beverage service provided through licensed caterers;
- (4) Food packaging pre-packaged by a manufacturer, producer or distributor;
- (5) Plastic films less than ten mils in thickness;
- (6) *Front of the house exemption.* The following food establishments shall be exempt from providing a qualified recycling and/or organics collection system in the front of house, but shall otherwise remain responsible for providing qualifying environmentally acceptable packaging:
 - (a) Mobile food vehicle, limited;
 - (b) Mobile food vehicle, non-profit free food distributor;
 - (c) Mobile food vehicle;
 - (d) A food establishment where customer dishes and utensils are removed from the table by restaurant employees only;
 - (e) Seasonal and short-term food establishments (permitted vendors), and food stands;

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- (f) Sidewalk cart food vendor; and
 - (g) Mobile food stores.
- (7) Any packaging, which is not considered Green To Go packaging, but for which there is no commercially available alternative as determined by the City of Roseville, following Ramsey County guidance. In determining whether there are commercially available alternatives, the City of Roseville will consider whether there is availability of green to go packaging for affected products. Every rule creating an exemption under this paragraph may be reviewed by the City of Roseville.

Sec. 20-640. Enforcement.

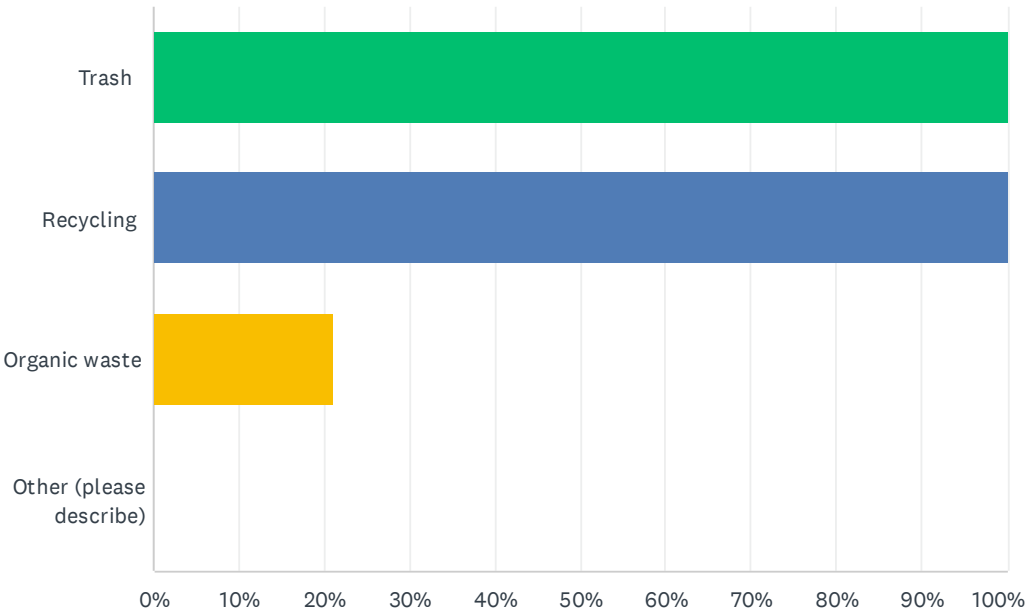
- (a) The city shall have the duty and the authority to enforce provisions of this chapter pursuant to City Code section **314.052**.
- (b) Violations of this ordinance shall be punishable as an administrative offense pursuant to City Code Section **314.052**, Administrative Fines.
- (c) The administrative offenses provided for in this article shall be in addition to any other legal or equitable remedy available to the city for city code violations.
- (d) At the time a violation occurs, a warning notice will be given in writing. The food establishment will be given 14 calendar days to take corrective action before a fine is issued.

Sec. 20-641. Severability.

If any part or provision of this article or the application thereof to any person, entity, or circumstances shall be judged unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part, provision or application which is directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered, and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this article or the application thereof to other persons, entities, or circumstances.

Q1 What type of commercial waste service does your business use?
(select all that apply)

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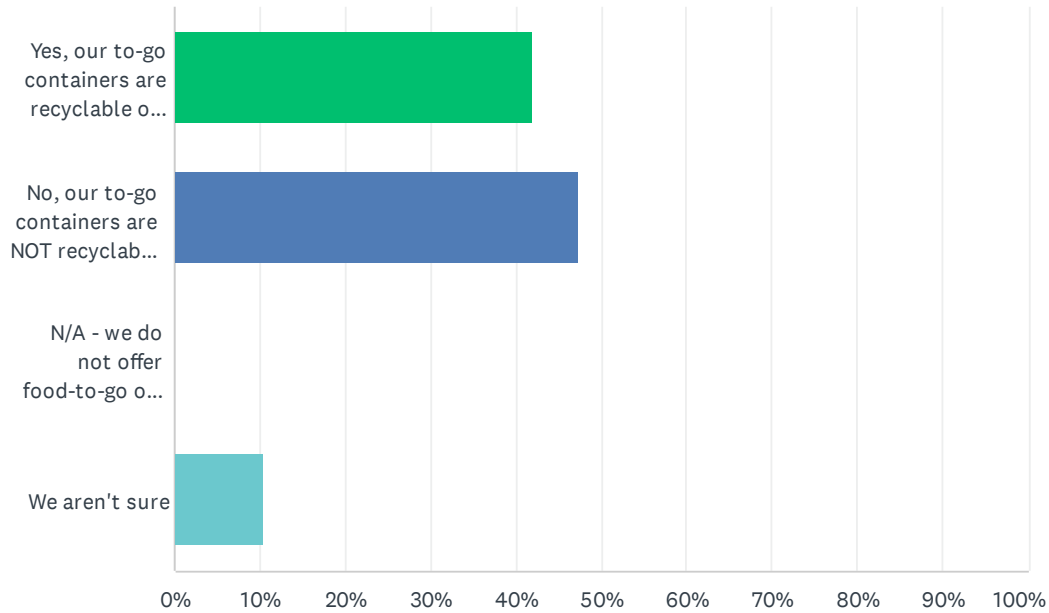


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Trash		100.00%	19
Recycling		100.00%	19
Organic waste		21.05%	4
Other (please describe)		0.00%	0
Total Respondents: 19			

#	OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE)	DATE
	There are no responses.	

Q2 Are the containers for your customers ordering food to-go/takeout recyclable or compostable?

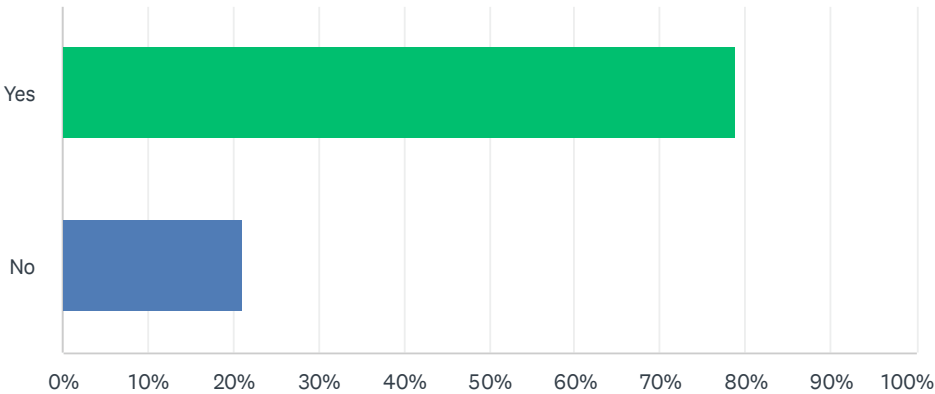
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, our to-go containers are recyclable or compostable	42.11%	8
No, our to-go containers are NOT recyclable or compostable	47.37%	9
N/A - we do not offer food-to-go or takeout	0.00%	0
We aren't sure	10.53%	2
TOTAL		19

Q3 Do you know if your supplier offers recyclable or compostable options?

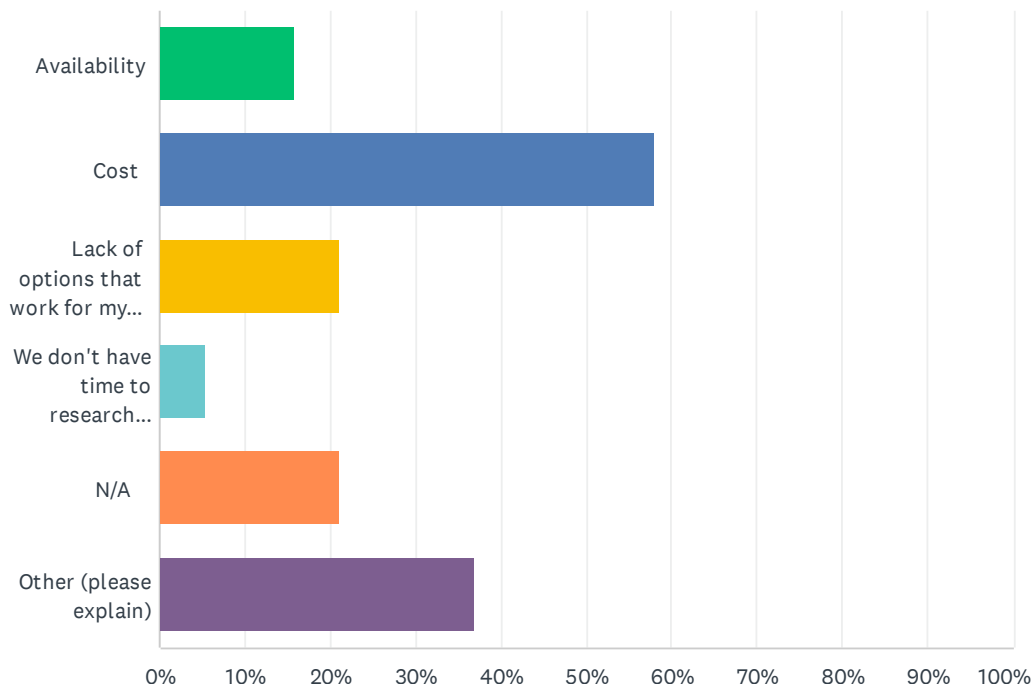
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		78.95%	15
No		21.05%	4
TOTAL			19

Q4 If you answered No to Question #2, what prevents you from using recyclable or compostable options for containers? (select all that apply)

Answered: 19 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Availability	15.79%	3
Cost	57.89%	11
Lack of options that work for my food	21.05%	4
We don't have time to research different options	5.26%	1
N/A	21.05%	4
Other (please explain)	36.84%	7
Total Respondents: 19		

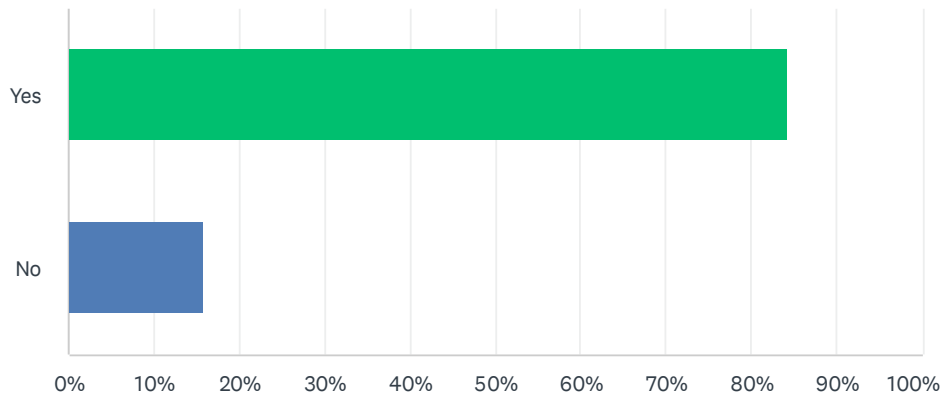
#	OTHER (PLEASE EXPLAIN)	DATE
1	We need the city to mandate it for Starbucks to start sending us compostable materials	6/21/2024 1:45 PM
2	We sell almost everything that is recyclable, but to switch over completely would be a big expense	4/16/2024 9:36 PM
3	We have tried to educate our students on campus and they don't seem to understand or care. They put recycling in the compost container therefore contaminating it.	4/15/2024 8:42 AM
4	It's a BS way to pretend to do something about the earth's situation.	3/30/2024 9:12 AM
5	We are sitting on a large number of non-recyclable (black plastic) trays from a pandemic grant. We plan to switch to compostable or even reusable in the future but would need a waiver for	3/26/2024 1:40 PM

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	several years as we worked through our current supply of trays.	
6	They cost about 3x the normal ones, which are already expensive	3/26/2024 12:20 PM
7	We use a combination of to go supplies some of which are recyclable. The costs associated with compostable supplies are considerably more expensive, and there are limited options that work for us that we have found.	3/25/2024 6:03 PM

Q5 If you answered No to #2, have you considered using more sustainable packaging?

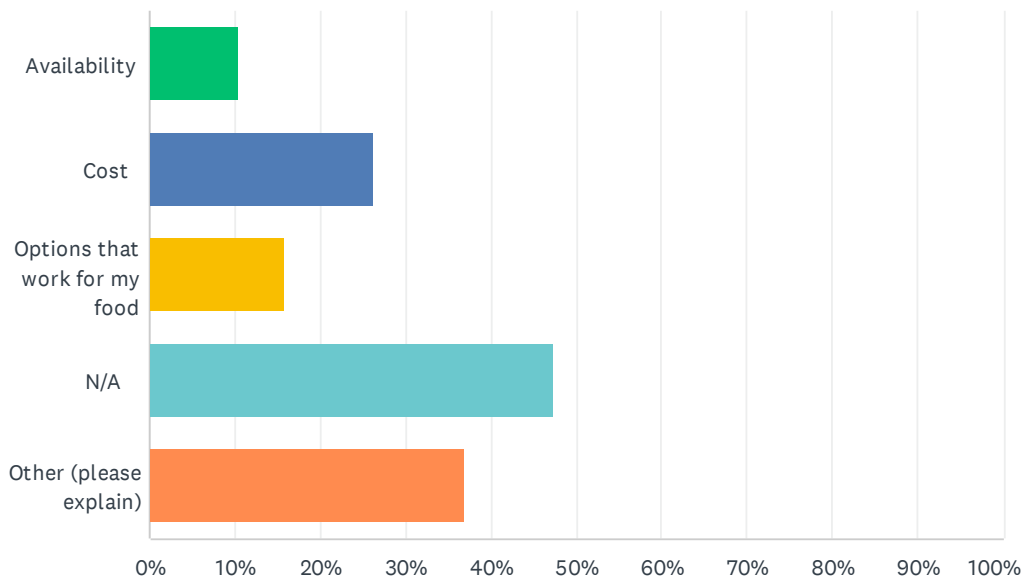
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ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
Yes		84.21%	16
No		15.79%	3
TOTAL			19

Q6 If you answered Yes to #2, why did you choose recyclable or compostable options? (select all that apply)

Answered: 19 Skipped: 0

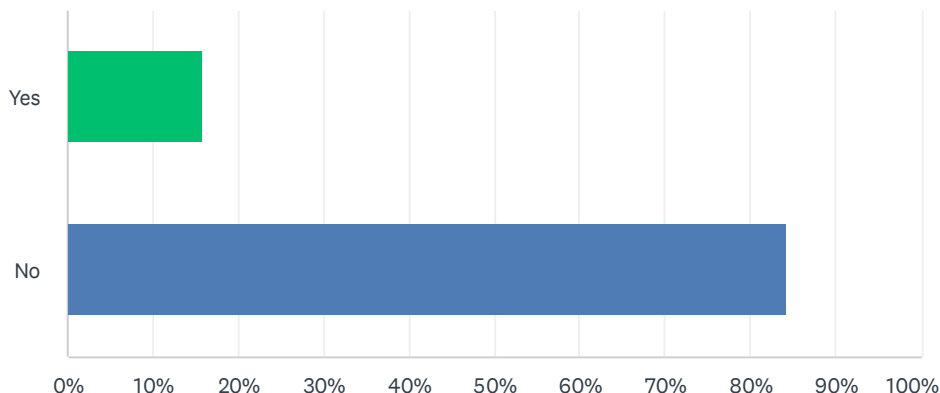


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Availability	10.53%	2
Cost	26.32%	5
Options that work for my food	15.79%	3
N/A	47.37%	9
Other (please explain)	36.84%	7
Total Respondents: 19		

#	OTHER (PLEASE EXPLAIN)	DATE
1	Help save the earth	6/27/2024 12:31 PM
2	Company doesn't support it here	6/21/2024 1:45 PM
3	Municipal Mandate	4/26/2024 3:49 PM
4	I get it and its a good idea but we need time to switch over every little thing.	4/16/2024 9:36 PM
5	The university wanted to eliminate the weight in the garbage as it is taxed	4/15/2024 8:42 AM
6	Best for our environment and our guests appreciate it.	3/26/2024 7:21 PM
7	It aligns with our values to reduce plastic and landfill waste	3/17/2024 9:48 AM

Q7 Have you noticed any financial benefits by using sustainable containers?

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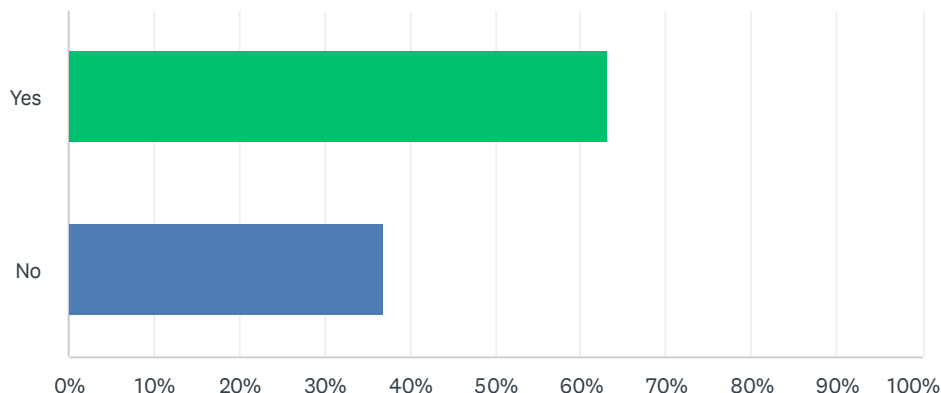


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	15.79% 3
No	84.21% 16
TOTAL	19

#	PLEASE DESCRIBE	DATE
1	cheaper	6/27/2024 12:31 PM
2	It's more money, but we try.	4/16/2024 9:36 PM
3	Because the students don't properly dispose of it correctly. Therefore everything goes in the trash or pig food	4/15/2024 8:42 AM
4	If you are requiring 'sustainable' to go products are you making sure people are properly recycling those, no. You can't. They truth is the majority aren't getting recycled. While the intention may be to contribute positively to environmental efforts, the practicality of these initiatives often presents added costs for businesses without achieving significant environmental benefits. Small businesses, already facing numerous challenges, bear the brunt of these additional expenses since covid increases. It's important to consider alternative approaches that support small businesses rather than imposing burdensome fees. Despite efforts to provide clear recycling instructions in store, the lack of adherence by customers to recycling practices remains a significant with us just tossing the recycle in the trash any way.	3/30/2024 9:12 AM
5	I think some customers appreciate that we compost but it's not possible to measure good will that way	3/17/2024 9:48 AM

Q8 Have you noticed any financial drawbacks by using sustainable containers?

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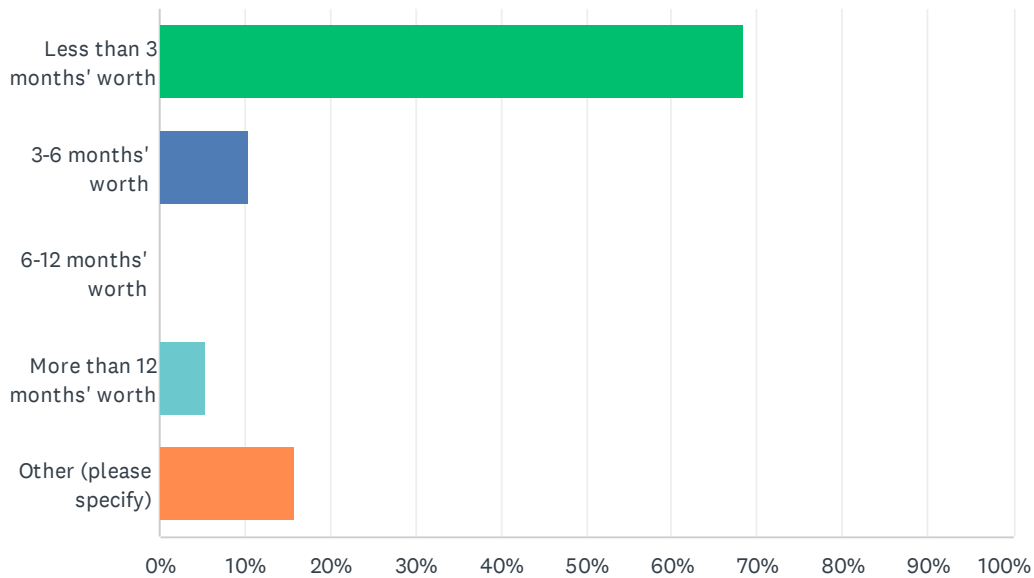


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	63.16%	12
No	36.84%	7
TOTAL		19

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Sometimes we have to throw away some of the materials because of quality issues	6/21/2024 1:45 PM
2	Na	4/15/2024 8:42 AM
3	Sustainable containers are more expensive and don't always work as well either.	4/14/2024 2:44 PM
4	At a previous location in the city we experienced increased costs with no benefit. There also is not requirement to actually recycle the recycling... I mean how could you all require that, just not feasible. This type of requirement is purely to make the city "look" good and does nothing but create further requirements that are harder to meet for small businesses.	3/30/2024 9:12 AM
5	containers can be as expensive as the food in the box reducing profits	3/29/2024 11:38 AM
6	They are considerably more expensive (sometimes twice the price) and they are sometimes hard to get in a timely manner because they are usually special order.	3/28/2024 3:21 PM
7	Up front cost of purchasing double the reusable containers for our Meals on Wheels program (would need a large start up supply), concerns about hot food in plastic (leaching endocrine disrupters), availability of non-plastic reusable options for hot food	3/26/2024 1:40 PM
8	Considerably more expensive.	3/25/2024 6:03 PM
9	Organics hauling isn't included in my rent so I pay extra above and beyond the expensive rent I'm already paying	3/17/2024 9:48 AM

Q9 How much supply of takeout containers do you typically keep on hand?

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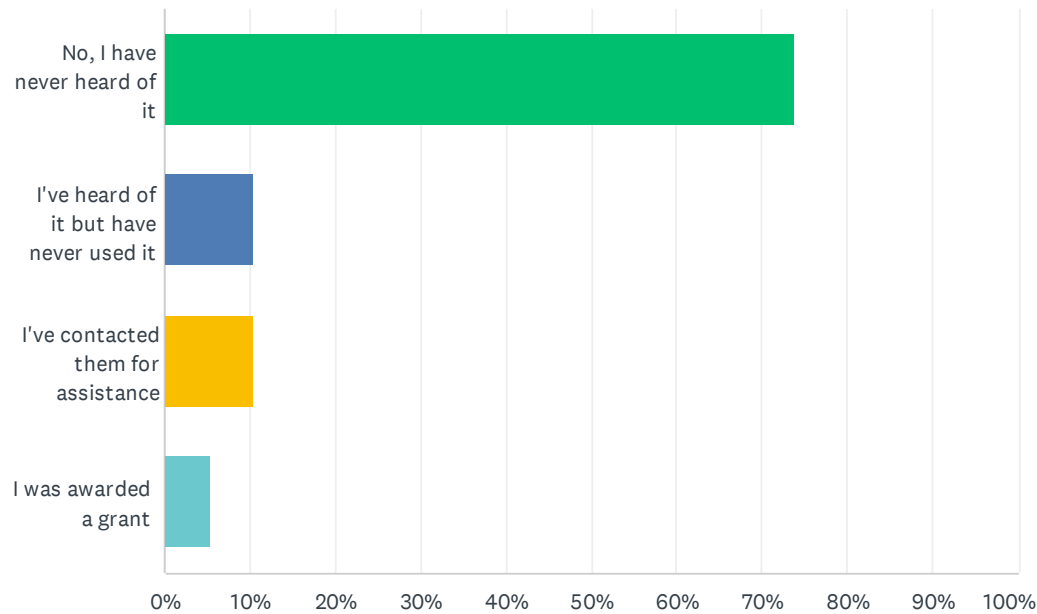


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 3 months' worth	68.42%	13
3-6 months' worth	10.53%	2
6-12 months' worth	0.00%	0
More than 12 months' worth	5.26%	1
Other (please specify)	15.79%	3
TOTAL		19

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	A week	4/16/2024 9:36 PM
2	2- 3 its really expensive already and we cant afford to keep more on hand at a time.	3/30/2024 9:12 AM
3	Order week to week inventory.	3/26/2024 7:21 PM

Q10 Are you familiar with BizRecycling?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 0

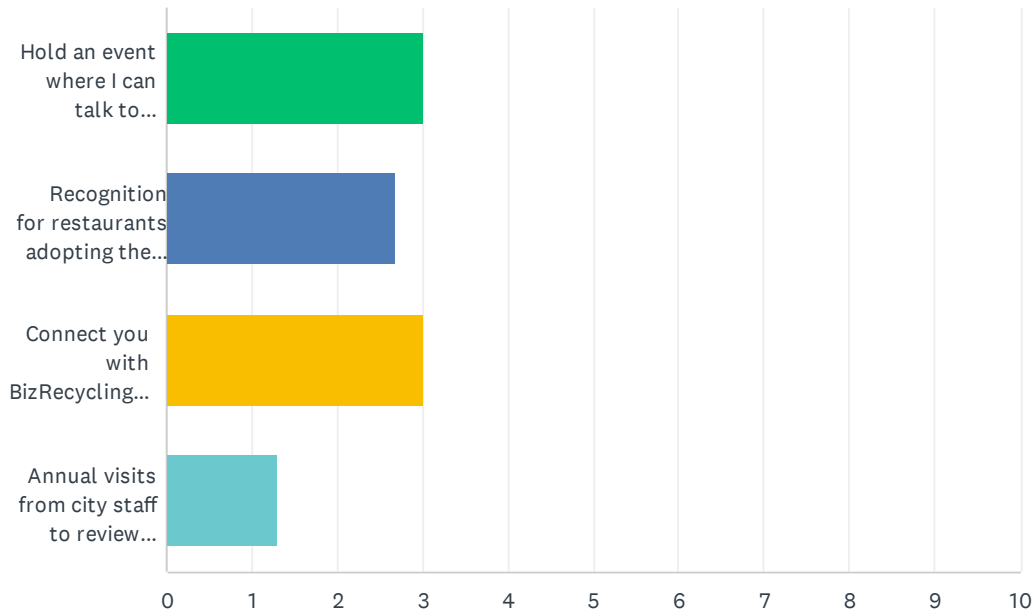


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
No, I have never heard of it		73.68%	14
I've heard of it but have never used it		10.53%	2
I've contacted them for assistance		10.53%	2
I was awarded a grant		5.26%	1
TOTAL			19

#	IF YOU ANSWERED "I WAS AWARDED A GRANT" PLEASE DESCRIBE THE GRANT.	DATE
1	Grants take a lot of time and energy to get and if you know anything about a small business owner we don't have much time. You will likely get very few responses from small business owners, not because they don't care, but because they don't have time -- and from my experience we all know its a waste of time. You already have you minds made up.	3/30/2024 9:12 AM

Q11 How can the City of Roseville help you prepare if an ordinance is passed that requires food carryout materials to be either recyclable or compostable? Please rank in order of most to least helpful where 1 = most important and 4 = least important.

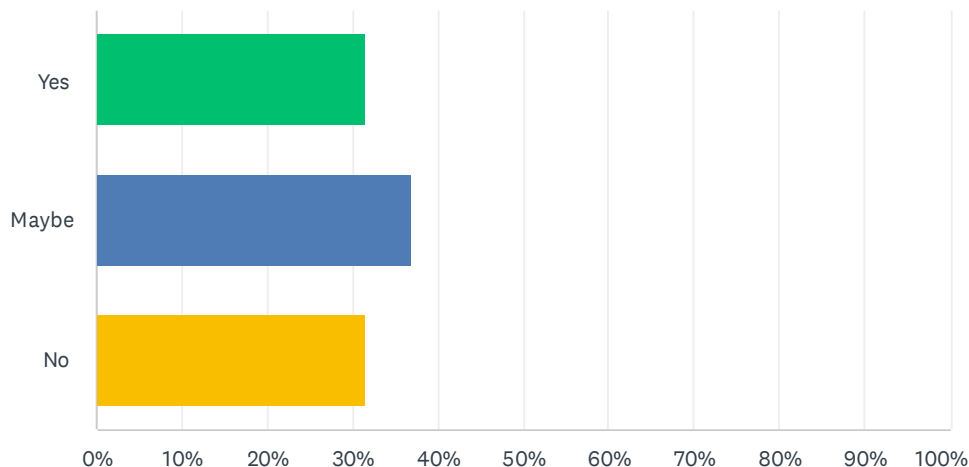
Answered: 16 Skipped: 3



	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	SCORE
Hold an event where I can talk to suppliers	25.00% 4	50.00% 8	25.00% 4	0.00% 0	16	3.00
Recognition for restaurants adopting the requirements early	31.25% 5	25.00% 4	25.00% 4	18.75% 3	16	2.69
Connect you with BizRecycling for financial support options	37.50% 6	25.00% 4	37.50% 6	0.00% 0	16	3.00
Annual visits from city staff to review inventory and help with compliance	6.25% 1	0.00% 0	12.50% 2	81.25% 13	16	1.31

Q12 Do you support an ordinance requiring takeout materials to be compostable or recyclable?

Answered: 19 Skipped: 0

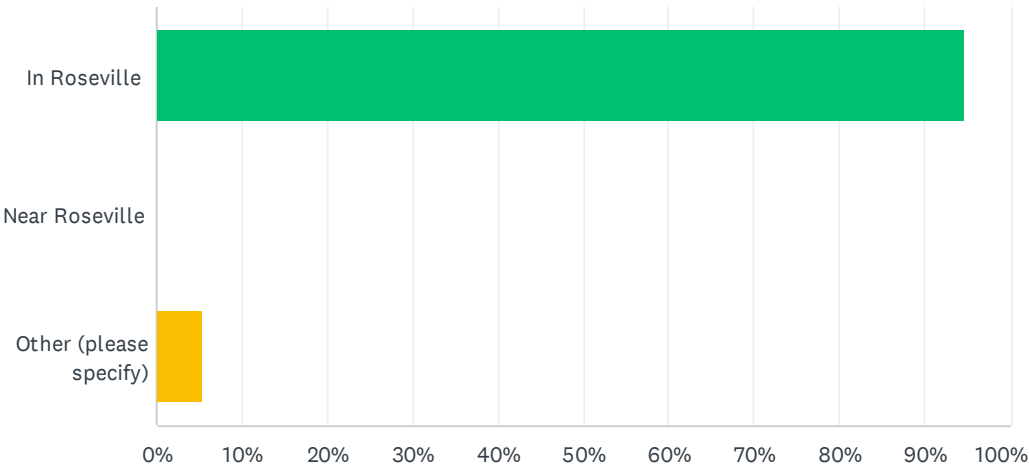


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	31.58%	6
Maybe	36.84%	7
No	31.58%	6
TOTAL		19

#	PLEASE ADD ANY COMMENTS TO SUPPORT YOUR ANSWER (NOT REQUIRED)	DATE
1	In a business with the slimmest of profit margins, I do not see the need to increase our costs	6/20/2024 12:07 PM
2	Please mirror Mpls and St Paul reqs, rather than be a one of balkanized rule.	4/26/2024 3:49 PM
3	It depends on the timeline.	4/16/2024 9:36 PM
4	As previously mentioned, to go products are the worst products to make compostable/recyclable. People just do not follow the rules and they are getting trashed any way. All it is doing is adding increased costs on the business because they are more expensive to make, therefore cost more.	3/30/2024 9:12 AM
5	I feel there can be a balance between both	3/29/2024 11:38 AM
6	Yes, however, we would need adequate time in order to get there so as not to loose money	3/26/2024 1:40 PM
7	Cost! We are already struggling.	3/26/2024 12:20 PM
8	Please make sure if people switch to recyclable it is a type of plastic that can actually be easily recycled. If businesses get credit for using compostable they should actually pay for compost hauling. I've noticed businesses will brag about having compostable stuff but then just have trash cans and it still goes to the land fill	3/17/2024 9:48 AM

Q13 Where is your business located?

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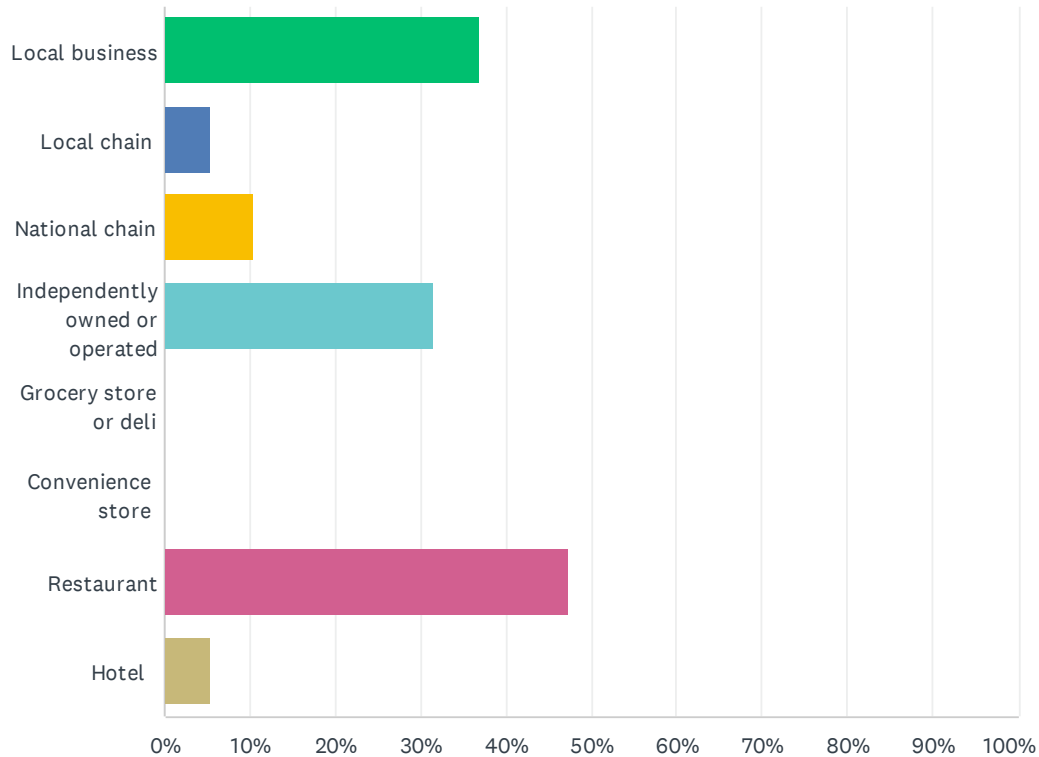


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
In Roseville		94.74% 18
Near Roseville		0.00% 0
Other (please specify)		5.26% 1
TOTAL		19

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Roseville and Arden Hills	4/15/2024 8:42 AM

Q14 Which of the following best describes your business (select all that apply)?

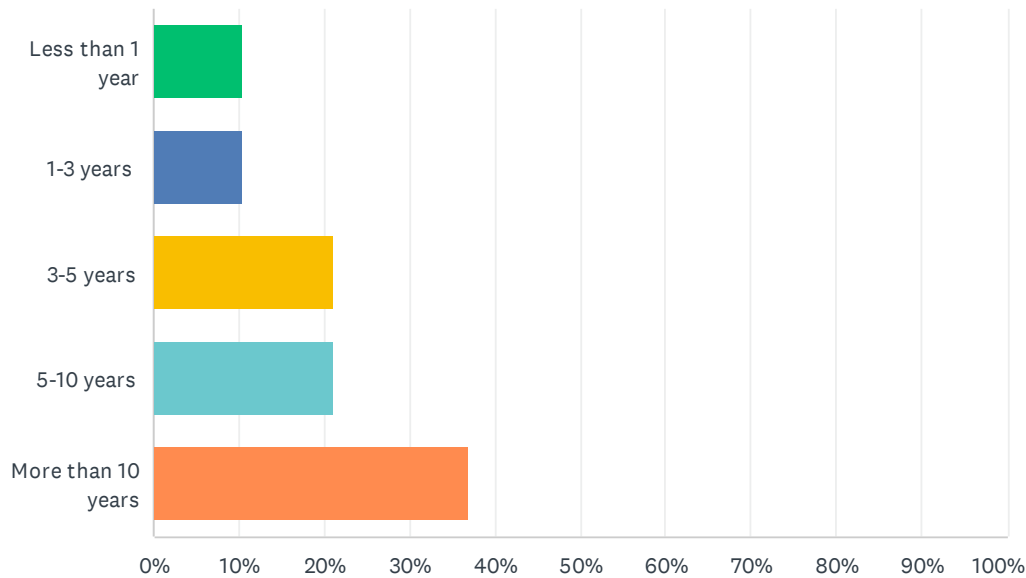
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Local business	36.84%	7
Local chain	5.26%	1
National chain	10.53%	2
Independently owned or operated	31.58%	6
Grocery store or deli	0.00%	0
Convenience store	0.00%	0
Restaurant	47.37%	9
Hotel	5.26%	1
Total Respondents: 19		

Q15 How long has your business been open?

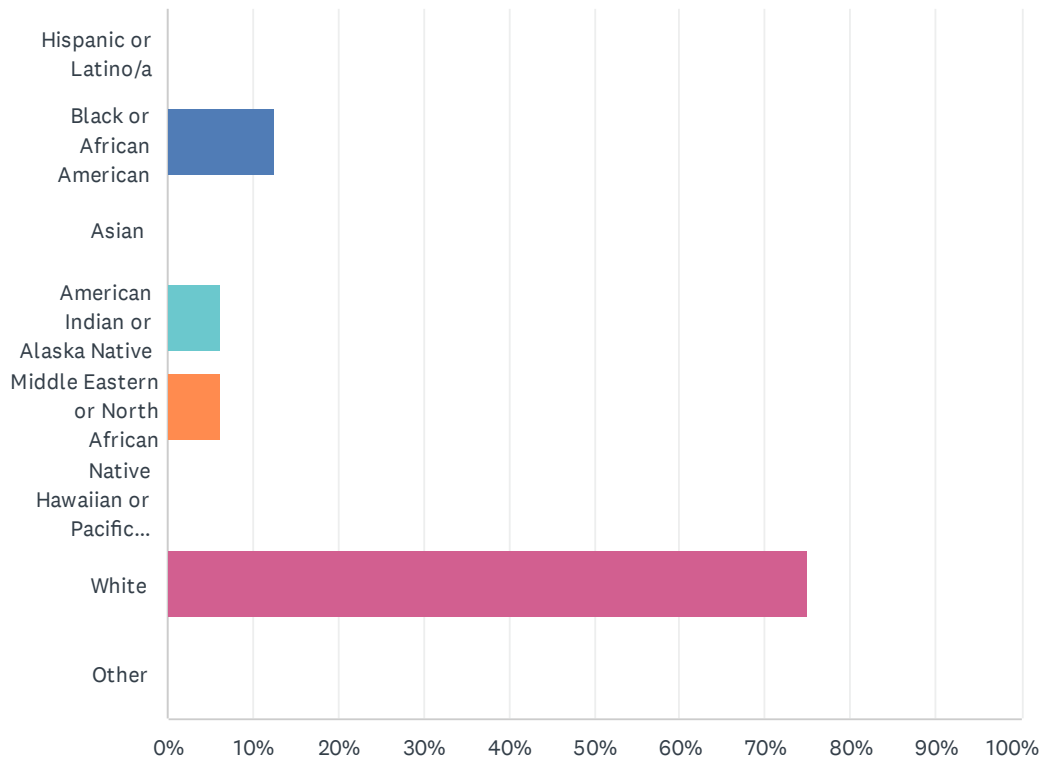
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Less than 1 year	10.53%	2
1-3 years	10.53%	2
3-5 years	21.05%	4
5-10 years	21.05%	4
More than 10 years	36.84%	7
TOTAL		19

Q16 (Optional) What is your race or ethnicity?

Answered: 16 Skipped: 3



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Hispanic or Latino/a	0.00%	0
Black or African American	12.50%	2
Asian	0.00%	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	6.25%	1
Middle Eastern or North African	6.25%	1
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander	0.00%	0
White	75.00%	12
Other	0.00%	0
TOTAL		16

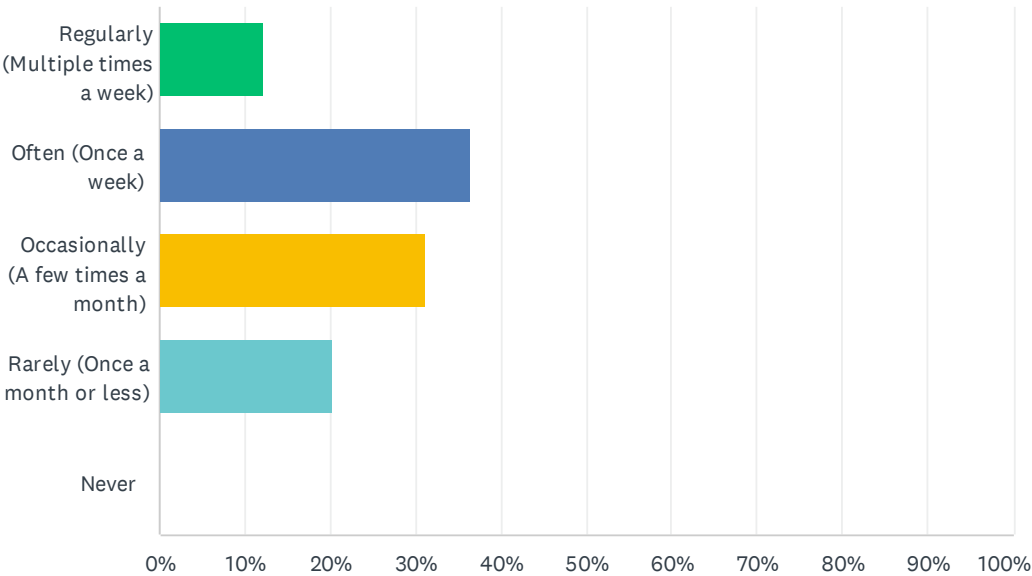
Q17 Please add any additional comments about recyclable or compostable container ordinances:

Answered: 6 Skipped: 13

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	We operate in multiple Minnesota cities, and believe a state rule is best for this type of thing.	4/26/2024 3:49 PM
2	After the pandemic, labor shortage, inflation, labor costs up 25%, and how difficult it was to navigate all of that, I am frustrated that you implement expensive products. I get it, but raising sales tax and other decisions you make can put some out of business.	4/16/2024 9:36 PM
3	Thus is The University of Northwestern St Paul	4/15/2024 8:42 AM
4	These ordinances have little proven benefit and will certainly add costs to customers. With so many families living paycheck to paycheck and the amount of credit card debt average Americans are carrying soaring, this is the wrong time to pursue a green to go ordinance.	4/14/2024 2:44 PM
5	Every day we serve roughly 120 meals to seniors through a combination of hot packed food, individually bagged breads/buns/rolls, cupped fruit and/or desserts. We would need resources to replace these options for our seniors.	3/26/2024 1:40 PM
6	I would be open to using something sustainable that was more economical than what is currently offered. We have resisted raising our prices throughout the last 4 years, as we try to offer our services at an affordable price point which is very hard to find anymore. Costs of goods, taxes and wages continue to rise making it hard for small businesses to remain profitable and worth the hard work it takes to operate a small business.	3/25/2024 6:03 PM

Q1 How frequently do you order food to go/takeout?

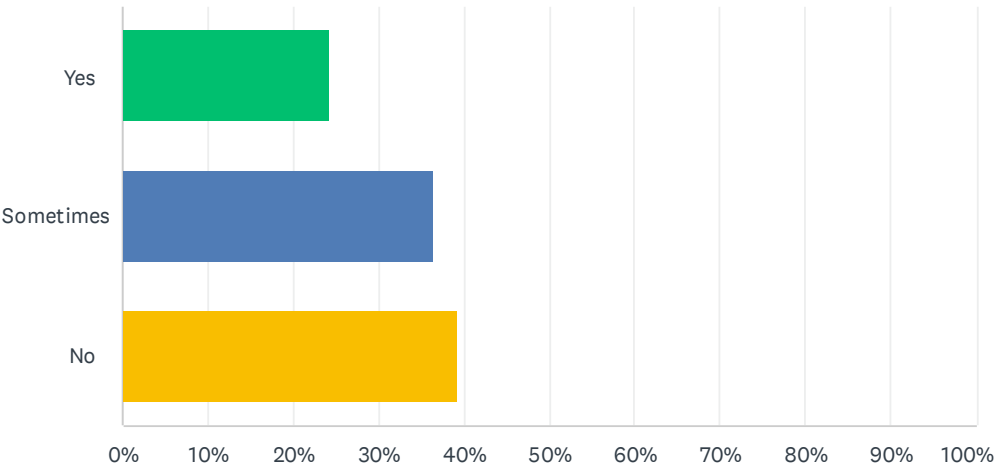
Answered: 74 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Regularly (Multiple times a week)	12.16%	9
Often (Once a week)	36.49%	27
Occasionally (A few times a month)	31.08%	23
Rarely (Once a month or less)	20.27%	15
Never	0.00%	0
TOTAL		74

Q2 Do the takeout materials offered by restaurants affect where you choose to eat?

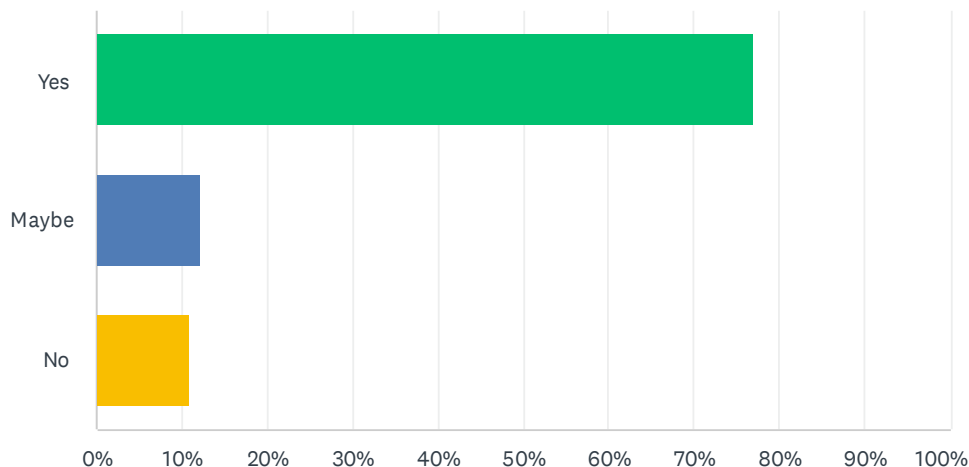
Answered: 74 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	24.32%	18
Sometimes	36.49%	27
No	39.19%	29
TOTAL		74

Q3 Would you pay a small upcharge if a restaurant offered a compostable or recyclable takeout container option?

Answered: 74 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	77.03%	57
Maybe	12.16%	9
No	10.81%	8
TOTAL		74

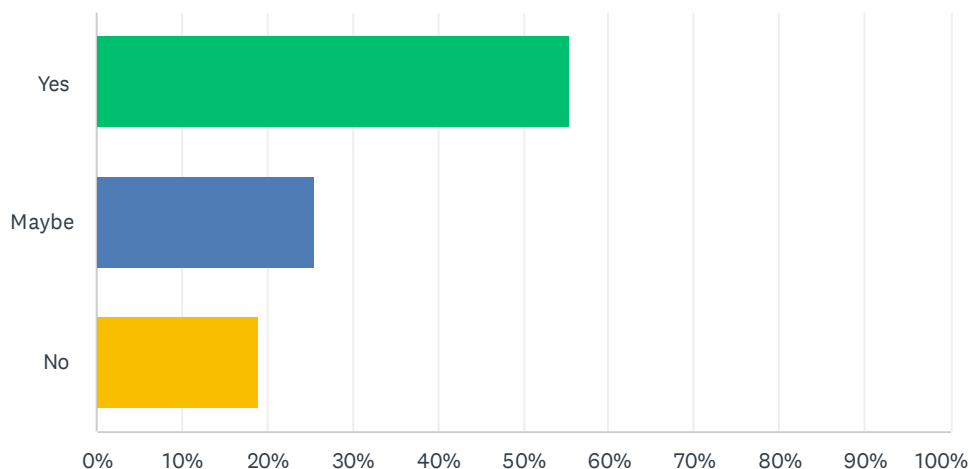
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1	Depends on what 'small' means.	7/5/2024 2:50 PM
2	If a business wants to add this on their own, that's great. It should not be mandatory.	7/2/2024 8:10 PM
3	Any upcharge under \$1 would be an automatic yes, and I would always consider a higher value. But I'm not sure an opt-in system will be as widely used, because delivery is already really expensive. Would it be possible to have food delivery apps (doordash, ubereats, etc.) include this in their existing fees for our area?	7/2/2024 12:45 PM
4	I feel strongly that we have to get rid of the styrofoam.	7/2/2024 11:00 AM
5	There are probably available options that do not cost more than the current materials.	7/1/2024 2:40 PM
6	re: question 2, the takeout materials also affect how often I eat out.	6/9/2024 9:43 AM
7	Depends on how small the charge is	5/23/2024 11:24 AM
8	If the take out container costs more to a more sustainable material then yes, I would pay more.	5/9/2024 3:43 PM
9	Comment related to question 2: I don't order anything to go except for pizza because it's the least wasteful type of takeout. Being able to eat all of the pizza and then compost (or recycle the box if it's free of grease) is ideal. Restaurant employees generally ignore when customers make special requests related to waste reduction - ex. Please don't include plastic cutlery, extra sauce packets, etc. I don't do takeout because of the amount of unnecessary garbage that the system produces. If (hopefully when) this ordinance passes, I will be more likely to order takeout if restaurants actually follow the ordinance.	4/29/2024 2:48 PM

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10	Compostable containers are awesome, but do they really compost/biodegrade in a standard landfill? Does Roseville have a program where these containers could be commercially composted?	4/26/2024 1:55 PM
11	There are a few restaurants we don't even visit in person because of their use of Styrofoam containers and cups while eating at the restaurant.	4/25/2024 9:41 AM
12	Would rather not have plastic even if recyclable.	4/13/2024 12:11 PM
13	Please don't interfere with business operations. Look what happened to uber when government tried to "help".	3/29/2024 5:35 PM
14	We need to be paying attention to climate change - - and our impact!	3/29/2024 12:50 PM
15	Hell no. I will just go to Shoreview or Arden Hills and purchase from a business there.	3/29/2024 1:17 AM
16	I cringe everyone of get those styrofoam containers - too much waste between the container, plastic silverware, bag and other stuff. I don't need the silverware, I'm going home to eat it.	3/28/2024 8:08 AM
17	This would dissuade me from going to that restaurant.	3/27/2024 8:10 AM
18	Curious: did restaurants in cities with a green to go ordinance add a fee to cover anticipated container costs?	3/19/2024 10:28 AM
19	What is "small"? Not all residents can afford yet higher prices for food. Will this ordinance force some businesses to leave Roseville?	3/17/2024 10:37 AM
20	Depends on the amount and if they provided composting bins for to go cups	3/16/2024 12:36 PM
21	I often bring my own recyclable containers for left-over food when dining. I avoid getting take-out from restaurants where I know there will be packaging that I cannot recycle.	3/16/2024 10:46 AM

Q4 Would you pay a deposit if a restaurant offered reusable takeout containers, which could be returned for a deposit refund?

Answered: 74 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	55.41%	41
Maybe	25.68%	19
No	18.92%	14
TOTAL		74

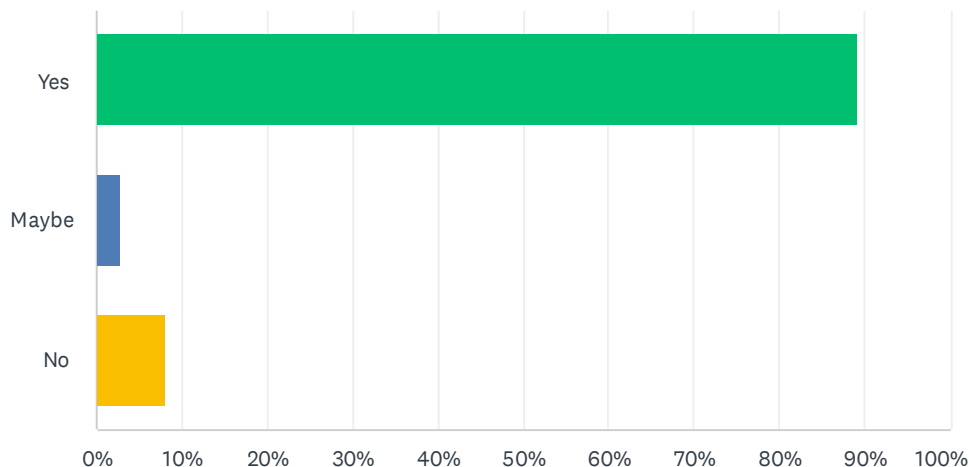
#	PLEASE ADD ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS HERE	DATE
1	I really like this idea!	7/16/2024 12:08 PM
2	Depends on the cost and what the materials are made of, also whether they are dishwasher safe.	7/5/2024 2:50 PM
3	If a business wants to add this on their own, that's great. It should not be mandatory.	7/2/2024 8:10 PM
4	It would be great if there was a commonly-used option instead of lots of different versions at different restaurants.	7/2/2024 12:45 PM
5	I could also think of bringing containers with me.	7/2/2024 11:00 AM
6	Sounds like a good idea.	7/1/2024 2:40 PM
7	Some people will still dump containers in public trash cans or in private ones. I've lived in states where you can return cans/bottles for 5 or 10 cents, and it leads to people going through public and private receptacles looking for the returnables and leaving the other trash strewn about. I don't know how to solve that.	6/9/2024 9:43 AM
8	This is a great idea in theory, but I would likely not remember to bring containers back	5/23/2024 11:24 AM
9	Prefer compostable and recyclable containers as I would rather use my backyard compost bin or recycle bin than a return trip to the restaurant which doesn't feel "green" to me. Maybe would be fine if you use the restaurant often enough that you can return reusable containers the same trip as getting another takeout order.	4/25/2024 9:41 AM
10	Better than recycling.	4/13/2024 12:11 PM

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11	I'd then rather bring my own container	3/29/2024 12:50 PM
12	If you are eating at a restaurant so many times that you would be reusing containers, you have a serious problem. Do any of the idiots promoting this have any data to suggest that this even makes sense? Tired of idiot city council do-gooders who have nothing better to do with their time.	3/29/2024 1:17 AM
13	I wouldn't want an extra step/errand in order to enjoy takeout.	3/27/2024 8:10 AM
14	Taprooms require ceposites on reusable growlers; co they have anh relevant data to share?	3/19/2024 10:28 AM
15	Though I have to think the overhead for businesses to do this is extreme and most would choose not to provide this.	3/17/2024 10:37 AM

Q5 Do you support a city ordinance that requires restaurant takeout containers to be recyclable or compostable?

Answered: 74 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	89.19%	66
Maybe	2.70%	2
No	8.11%	6
TOTAL		74

#	PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY YOU CHOSE THIS ANSWER.	DATE
1	no brainer...too much waste especially at fastfoods!!!	7/16/2024 4:03 PM
2	Better chance of level playing field for businesses and compliance	7/13/2024 3:26 PM
3	Too much trash is generated with styrofoam and non-recyclable plastics.	7/5/2024 2:50 PM
4	The glut of single use plastic that comes with take-out is one of the reasons I seldom order from these restaurants. I can only store and reuse a limited number of containers, and many are too flimsy to be reusable.	7/4/2024 5:13 PM
5	If a business wants to add this on their own, that's great. It should not be mandatory.	7/2/2024 8:10 PM
6	As busy parents it is difficult to do all we want to for the environment, so this kind of program is one we support whole-heartedly.	7/2/2024 12:45 PM
7	Microplastics are a serious issue. Other cities have similar ordinances. Besides, the 2024 MN legislature required that all packaging be reusable, recyclable, or compostable by 2032. Might as well get a head start!	7/1/2024 2:40 PM
8	Imperative that we take better care of our environment!	6/29/2024 2:49 PM
9	I like this solution if the technology is in place to make these and turn them around after use at a reasonable cost. It seems one problem is that different towns/counties have different requirements for recycling/composting, so if you buy a product in Anoka County, you might not be able to recycle/compost it in Ramsey County. In general, recycling has too many, and conflicting, rules (e.g., leave bottle caps on or off?). With trash disposal, just one rule: toss it in a garbage can, and too many people can't even do that.	6/9/2024 9:43 AM

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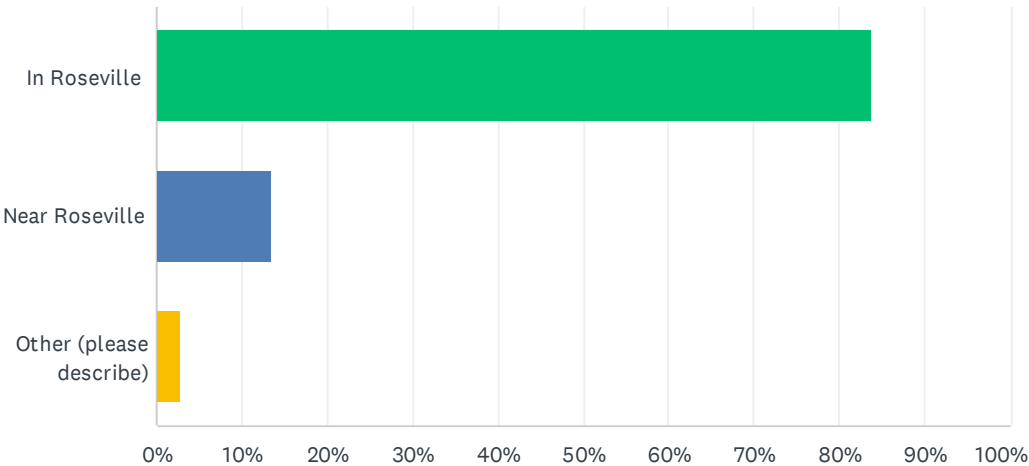
10	We need to reduce waste and/or offer environmentally friendly options. This includes allowing customers to bring their own containers. Restaurants should also offer smaller menu options.	6/4/2024 5:43 PM
11	Every little thing we do to help improve our planet and our climate matters	5/23/2024 8:49 PM
12	Our climate change actions are imperative.	5/23/2024 10:36 AM
13	I strongly support this effort.	5/23/2024 9:17 AM
14	We need to reduce waste going to landfills or incinerators. This is one step along the path	5/13/2024 2:17 PM
15	I have not seen much change relying upon the private sector. We buy most take-out in St. Paul because they are required to have compostable carry out containers at their restaurants.	5/9/2024 3:43 PM
16	The additional expense would be minor, and immaterial to most patrons.	5/3/2024 2:49 PM
17	Garbage in general doesn't make financial or environmental sense. We need to move to a closed-loop system and getting restaurants on board by mandating the use of recyclable, compostable, and ideally reusable materials is one important step in getting us there.	4/29/2024 2:48 PM
18	Again, I would want to know if these compostable containers are actually being composted? It is no good if they just end up in a landfill.	4/26/2024 1:55 PM
19	Restaurants need to do this to help protect the environment and Roseville has so many restaurants. Many haven't made the effort to adopt the policy on their own so it makes sense to require it of them.	4/25/2024 1:12 PM
20	Restaurants should be doing this on their own as I feel they would get more customers by demonstrating that they care for the environment.	4/25/2024 9:41 AM
21	Only way to get it done. Some restaurants will use recyclable if asked but most don't. We always bring our own containers if dining out and expect leftovers.	4/13/2024 12:11 PM
22	Ban all single use plastics. They last forever and are polluting our environment—contaminating our soil and water and making their way into our bodies. There are many more eco-friendly alternatives.	4/6/2024 9:04 AM
23	Our planet is choking on plastic	4/3/2024 1:52 PM
24	I support all initiatives to reduce use of single use/non recyclable containers to lessen what we put in the landfill.	3/31/2024 7:24 PM
25	It seems like the right thing to do for the environment.	3/31/2024 8:18 AM
26	We are human and without an ordinance it won't happen. Yes, businesses need to make money but if we damage the environment a whole lot more, it won't matter - - no one's business or customers will be worrying about it. There will be bigger things on their plates.	3/29/2024 12:50 PM
27	No way in hell. Or maybe I really don't care, as I would just shift my purchasing north into Shoreview and Arden Hills. Is this city government serious that they would pass a law that would only be enforced if someone complained? What kind of weenie would be complaining about someone using the wrong takeout container? Probably some elected official with nothing better to do with their time.	3/29/2024 1:17 AM
28	Too much waste as it is - find ways to reduce and recycle.	3/28/2024 8:08 AM
29	I believe it puts an extra burden on restaurants at a time when they are already struggling with high food costs, implementing the sick time leave law, and worker retention. Many restaurants are already making efforts toward sustainability, and it should continue to be up to individual businesses if that is something they want to do.	3/27/2024 8:10 AM
30	We need to take action to reduce plastic demand and use. We can't afford to allow single use plastics at the levels we have been.	3/22/2024 7:48 AM
31	The low cost of some container materials (polystyrene - #6 plastic) favors the use of a non-recyclable product that produces a toxic gas when combusted. Non-recyclable containers and other trash from Roseville likely gets burned by Xcel to generate electricity.	3/19/2024 10:28 AM
32	Concern about waste, permanence of styrofoam, and general climate issues.	3/17/2024 11:41 PM
33	Depends on the details; I'd much rather this be a partnership between business and the City vs	3/17/2024 10:37 AM

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	a punitive policy.	
34	It's better for the environment	3/16/2024 12:39 PM
35	I am apalled by the waste produced unnecessarily in the food industry. I have traveled in cities that have reduced waste and I know we can do it also.	3/16/2024 10:46 AM
36	We can't keep going the way we have been. Climate change is real and urgent and whatever changes we can make to do better are our responsibility. My granddaughters need me to step up! All our young people need us to clean things up. Small actions like this can have massive effects.	3/16/2024 9:42 AM

Q6 Where do you live?

Answered: 74 Skipped: 0

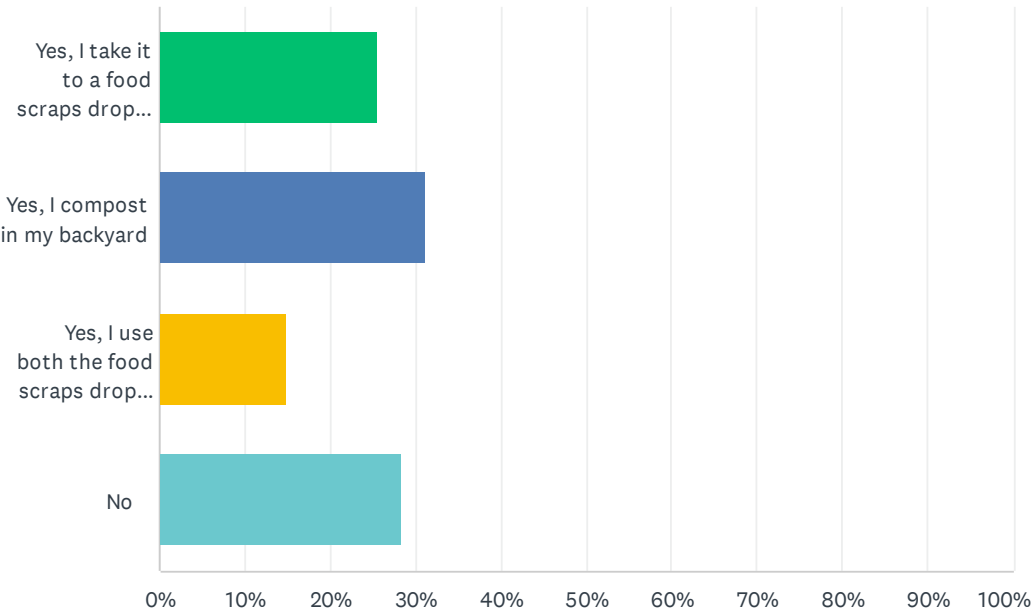


ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES
In Roseville		83.78% 62
Near Roseville		13.51% 10
Other (please describe)		2.70% 2
TOTAL		74

#	OTHER (PLEASE DESCRIBE)	DATE
1	1/2 block out of Roseville. In Roseville school dist.	6/27/2024 10:24 PM
2	greater MN but frequent Roseville visitor & former resident	4/26/2024 1:55 PM

Q7 Do you separate your food scraps and compostable waste?

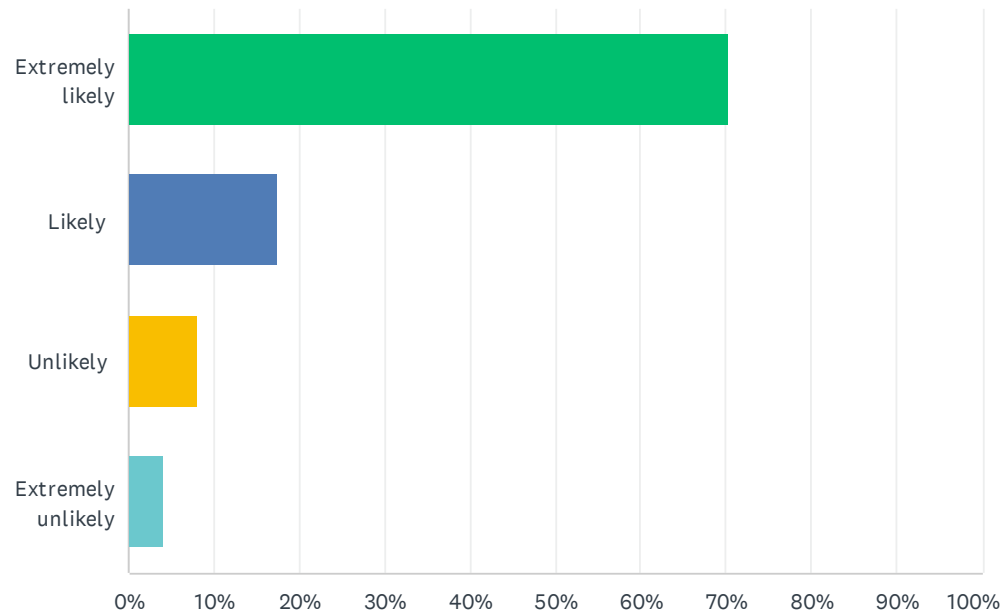
Answered: 74 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes, I take it to a food scraps drop site	25.68%	19
Yes, I compost in my backyard	31.08%	23
Yes, I use both the food scraps drop site and backyard compost	14.86%	11
No	28.38%	21
TOTAL		74

Q8 How likely are you to reuse or recycle takeout containers at home?

Answered: 74 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely likely	70.27%	52
Likely	17.57%	13
Unlikely	8.11%	6
Extremely unlikely	4.05%	3
TOTAL		74

Q9 Please add any additional comments about single-use plastic, Styrofoam, compostable, or recyclable takeout containers in Roseville, or about this proposed ordinance.

Answered: 32 Skipped: 42

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Makes sense to me...the less single use in the world the better!! I'm 76yo and have been recycling since the late 70's!!! we would haul our recycling to a drop off about every two weeks!!	7/16/2024 4:03 PM
2	I'm waiting for the food scrap pick up (in our weekly trash) to come about. I understand that it's about a year away still.	7/16/2024 12:08 PM
3	thank you for addressing this problem; please take action	7/13/2024 3:44 PM
4	If the whole state or at least the metro area would use recyclable or compostable containers, the price for those items would be less due to the volume purchased.	7/5/2024 2:50 PM
5	Thank you, Roseville! Plastic packaging is such a huge issue; the individual can only do so much--we must demand more responsible products and packaging from the producers/sellers/vendors.	7/4/2024 5:13 PM
6	If this is such a good idea, why does it have to be mandatory where businesses are compelled to use these products by force?	7/2/2024 8:10 PM
7	Cups, lids, and straws are majorly problematic. Our neighborhood regularly has plastic litter from nearby stores and gas stations. We avoid plastic bags at the grocery store, but our takeout is often bundled in plastic shopping bags. It would be great if this was also subject to the ordinance. I am interested in getting involved, please email me at zach.j.sperry@gmail.com.	7/2/2024 12:45 PM
8	Totally support this initiative, which will reduce waste and micoplastic issues.	7/1/2024 2:40 PM
9	I'd like to see Roseville reduce single-use plastics (e.g. utensils), and make it easier to recycle plastics (e.g. #4). Can't wait for Ramsey County to include us in the compost pickup project!	6/29/2024 2:49 PM
10	I support the ordinance.	6/27/2024 10:24 PM
11	I wish stores that sold things packaged with Styrofoam and other nonrecyclables would take them back, but I guess they would just throw them in the trash, too. Or use those corn products that are used like Styrofoam. I wish there were more food scrap recycling sites or maybe near grocery stores. In the summer, a watermelon or a couple of cantaloupes fill up a food scrap pail pretty quickly, and I need to make almost daily trips to the food scrap recycling site. I don't use a large pail because they propagate some nasty worms/bugs pretty quickly. One last thing: an alternative to plastic utensils. So many all over around Rosedale and the fast food places. Thanks for having this survey!	6/9/2024 9:43 AM
12	It would be great to have compostable or turn-in-for reuse options for dining out in Roseville. I am willing to pay a bit more for the greener options!	5/23/2024 10:38 AM
13	Mostly, people don't know what their food is coming in until they pick it up. I occasionally order to go, but only a few times or less per month since I have a cafeteria where I work.	5/23/2024 10:36 AM
14	The ordinance should be a state-wide requirement but at this point, I would be proud of Roseville if it imposed this requirement. We should not be throwing away containers to just transport food to our homes. It is anti-environment, wasteful and damages our planet.	5/9/2024 3:43 PM
15	I love that this ordinance is being proposed! Please stay strong in your conviction by passing it and then legitimately enforce it!	4/29/2024 2:48 PM
16	The more we can help train, education, and shift habits to get away from single use plastic, the better. It takes bold steps like this to shift habits and help humans mitigate their impact on the	4/26/2024 1:55 PM

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natural environment. Thank you for taking the initiative and asking for public feedback. It is a great ordinance that can be done in a cost effective and low-burden way on consumers and businesses.

17	So excited Roseville is finally considering this ordinance. Way past due.	4/25/2024 1:12 PM
18	Our community should be moving away from single-use plastics and Styrofoam as quickly as possible. My family and other families I know avoid restaurants who regularly use these products.	4/25/2024 9:41 AM
19	Terrible idea to allow single-use plastic. We have limited amount of trash and a lot of recycle material. I'm concerned not all recycling material is handled properly.	4/13/2024 12:11 PM
20	It's about time! Fully in favor of this ordinance eliminating single-use plastic and foam. Educate our community about plastic pollution and it's effects on the environment.	4/6/2024 9:04 AM
21	Very excited for this. I realize it could be a hardship on businesses but we have to move towards this for a more sustainable future.	4/2/2024 7:14 PM
22	Please don't.	3/29/2024 5:35 PM
23	Taking part in No Plastics month (Ramsey and Washington counties) made me much more aware. Good program which needs more publicity and encouragement.	3/29/2024 12:50 PM
24	This is yet another stupid city government solution for a problem that doesn't exist. Does the city even have any data on any of this? Doubtful. Tired of government wasting our tax dollars to solve 0.0000001% problems.	3/29/2024 1:17 AM
25	Everything depends on what people do with the recyclable / compostable containers after using them. This ambitious effort is useless if the containers are just thrown into the trash.	3/28/2024 8:39 AM
26	I support banning foam containers	3/28/2024 8:08 AM
27	If a restaurant uses Styrofoam, we will avoid going there for take out. If a restaurant uses recyclable or compostable containers, we are more likely to return there for take out.	3/22/2024 7:48 AM
28	I'm very excited about this ordinance. There are a couple of restaurants in Roseville and several around the Twin Cities that we avoid only because of the plastic and styrofoam waste. We would love to see that change.	3/21/2024 10:19 PM
29	The proposed ordinance is already in place elsewhere. The residents of and restaurants in Roseville can do better to reduce trash and reuse and recycle more.	3/19/2024 10:28 AM
30	To go plastic containers leak plastics. I would never use them beyond a single use. Compostable is always preferable.	3/16/2024 12:36 PM
31	I support this ordinance and also want Roseville to begin a food scraps composting program	3/16/2024 10:46 AM
32	Please ban Styrofoam -- it lasts just about forever and cannot be recycled!	3/16/2024 8:29 AM

Roseville Public Works, Environment and Transportation Commission Agenda Item

DATE: July 23, 2024

ITEM: 6.a.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Sustainability Intern Update

Background

Sustainability Intern Evelyn Ankrum started with Roseville on May 6, 2024. She will provide an update on the projects and initiatives she has worked on this summer.

Recommendation

Receive update and provide feedback to staff.

Attachments

1. Presentation

Sustainability Intern Update

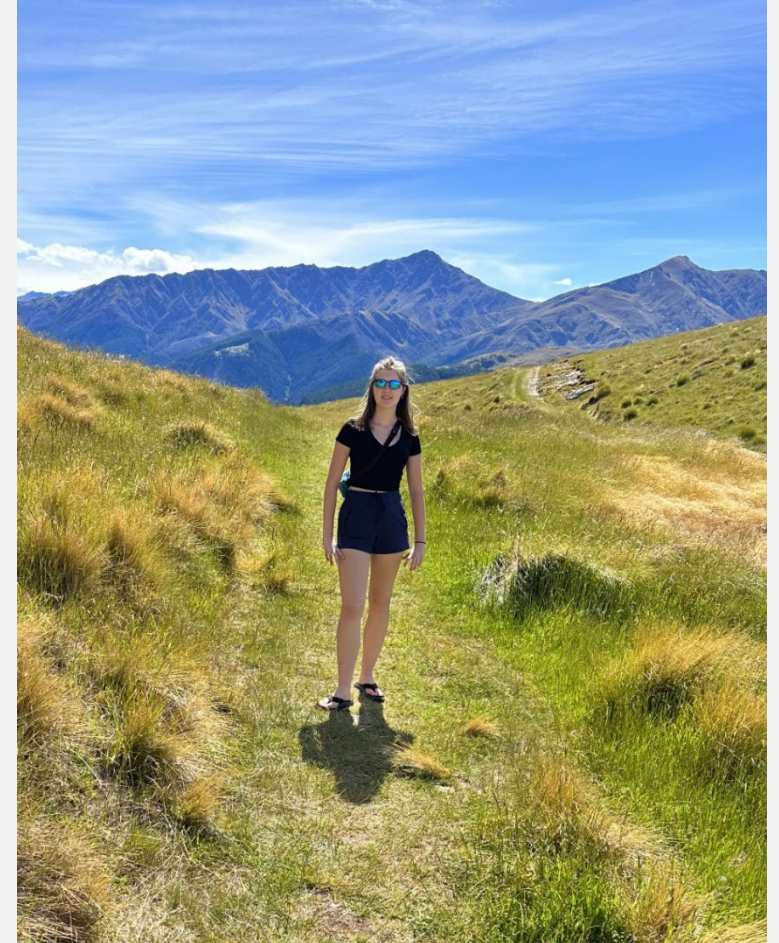
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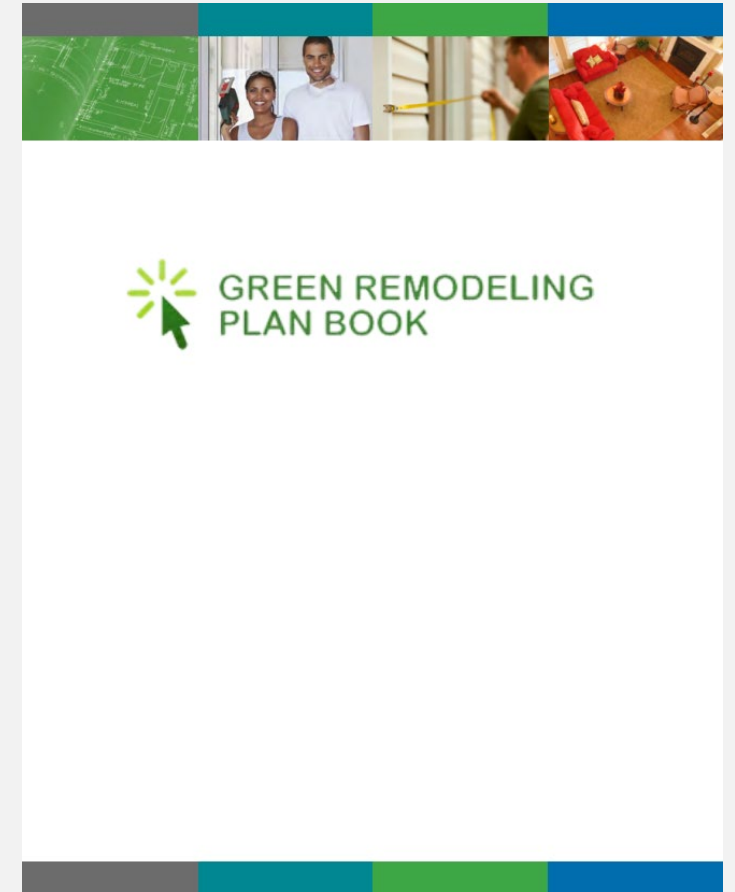
- Evelyn Ankrum
- Roseville Area High School '23
- Winona State University Sophomore
- BS Geoscience, Geology emphasis
 - Sustainability
 - GIS
 - Statistics
- Roseville Parks and Recreation Experience
- Working under Ryan Johnson as the Sustainability Intern
- Taking direction from both Ryan and Noelle Bakken
- Staying with Roseville part-time in the fall



Green Remodeling Plan Book (GRPB) Update

Background: The GRPB is an online resource for residents on how to make their home projects more sustainable. The Plan Book spans 92 pages and covers utility consumption, building envelope, landscaping, and more. It was published in 2011 and was last updated in 2016.

- This summer I've been working on updating the GRPB:
 - Fact-checking
 - Personalization to Roseville residents
 - Fixing URL links
 - Reformatting
 - Removing outdated information
- Adding new sections:
 - Financing and Rebates
 - Residential Geothermal Energy
 - Lawn Practices and Yard Chemicals
 - Air-Source Heat Pumps
 - Concluding Thoughts



Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy (EPPP)

Background: The EPPP seeks to reduce the City of Roseville's environmental impact through city purchases. It lays out general guidelines to be followed when making purchases for the city.

- I met with the City of Roseville's Administrative Clerk who makes many reoccurring purchases for City Hall
- Created a list of recent and reoccurring city purchases
- Researched each product and compared them to the Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Policy
- Found alternative recommendations for products that fell short of meeting the policy
- Made a supplemental guide for the new City Administrative Clerk that summarizes the EPPP and how to make purchases that conform with it

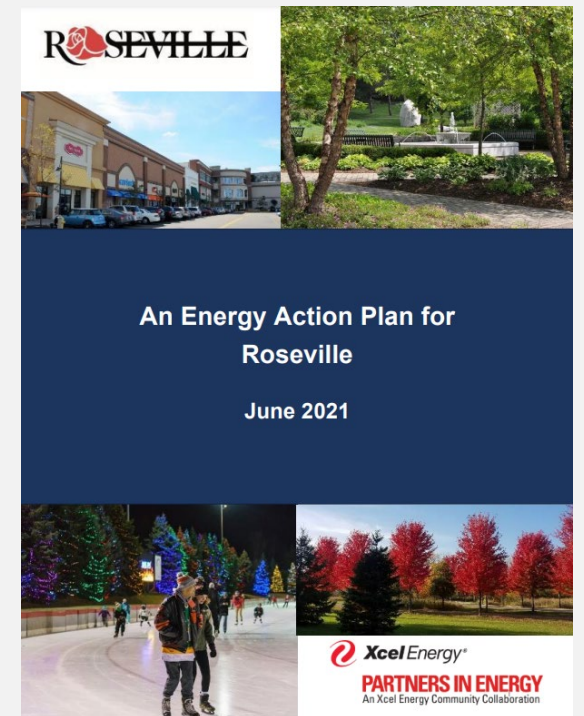


Energy Action Plan Outreach



Background: The Roseville Energy Action Plan was created with Xcel Energy through the Partners in Energy program. It outlines strategies to reduce residential and commercial use of energy in Roseville, expand the use of renewable energy, and support residents who are burdened by their energy expenses.

- To support the goal of helping energy-burdened residents, I created a mailing that was sent out to 200+ households
- The mailing highlighted programs designed to help households through financial assistance and improvements in energy efficiency
 - Ramsey & Washington County Energy Assistance Program
 - Weatherization Assistance Program
 - Home Energy Squad
 - Rebate and incentive finder



Bike Plan Outreach

- Created an outline for the Roseville Bike Plan poster that was finalized by Ian Walesch, Roseville's Community Relations Specialist
- Distributed posters
 - REI store
 - City Hall
 - Skating Center
 - Roseville Park buildings
- Community outreach to inform residents about the bike plan and encourage them to give feedback
 - Tabling at Roseville Farmer's Market
 - Tabling at a Rice Larpenateur Alliance Event

ROSEVILLE BIKE PLAN



We need your help identifying how we can make a bicycle network that is safe and comfortable for riders of all ages and abilities to use confidently

TAKE THE SURVEY


SIGN UP FOR EMAIL UPDATES


SHARE THOUGHTS ON THE MAP


IMPORTANT DATES
June 10 Community Bike Audits

- Southeast Roseville
- Northeast Roseville
- Rosedale Mall area

June 11 Network Mapping Workshop
5:00 PM–7:30 PM at Roseville City Hall
Scan the QR or visit the URL to sign up
June 30 Online survey and map close
TBD Community Listening Sessions



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Miscellaneous Projects

- Began planning a survey for residents to gain input for the Roseville Climate Action Plan
- Wrote an article for the July-August issue of the City of Roseville Sustainability Newsletter
- Planning for an Electric Vehicle Ride and Drive event for residents
- Outreach to Roseville restaurants to inform them about our planned Green to Go ordinance
- Reshaping the Sustainable Steward program
- Updating the Roseville Sustainability flier



Questions ?

Thank You!

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Sustainability Intern

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Roseville Public Works, Environment and Transportation Commission Agenda Item

DATE: July 23, 2024

ITEM: 7.a.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: City Council Joint Meeting Review

Background

The PWETC held a joint meeting with the City Council at the July 22 City Council meeting. There was a significant amount of conversation between the Commission and City Council about upcoming topics that the Commission may take up in the next calendar year.

The Commission and staff will review the topics and comments from the City Council and use that discussion to guide the creation of a preliminary schedule of topics for the next calendar year.

Recommendation

Review joint meeting with the City Council.

Attachments

1. Future Agenda Items – Preliminary Work Plan

**Roseville Public Works, Environment and
Transportation Commission
2024-2025 DRAFT Work Plan**

2024

August

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September

- Recycling RFP
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October

- Utility Rates
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November

- 2025 Public Works Plan
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2025

January

- 5th Annual Sustainable Super Meeting
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February

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March

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April

- Annual Recycling Report
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May

- MS4 Annual Meeting
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June

- Prepare for Joint City Council Meeting
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Roseville Public Works, Environment and Transportation Commission Agenda Item

DATE: July 23, 2024

ITEM: 8.a.

ITEM DESCRIPTION: Future Agenda Items

Background

Suggested Items:

Looking Ahead:

- August 27
 - Public Safety Update
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- September 24
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- Future
 - Pavement Funding – Asset Management
 - Transit/Micro Transit Update
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Recommendation

Set preliminary agenda items for the August 27, 2024 Public Works, Environment & Transportation Commission meeting.

Attachments

None