

CITY OF DELRAY BEACH GREEN IMPLEMENTATION ADVANCEMENT BOARD RESOLUTION 5-2019

WHEREAS, as the City of Delray Beach continues to be an attractive place to live and a very popular tourist and vacation destination, the amount of garbage generated by the City continues to grow; and

WHEREAS, people celebrating public and private events often purchase mylar balloons and other objects made from plastics and materials similar to mylar that are then filled with air and act like balloons; and

WHEREAS, these items are made from plastic and are not recyclable or biodegradable. These lightweight items are often disposed of in such a way that they become airborne and cannot be controlled by their owners and can quickly get blown into intracoastal waterway or the ocean; and

WHEREAS, these items are detrimental to the environment because they do not fully degrade, cannot be recycled, introduce harmful chemicals into the environment, become litter, create hazards for birds and land and aquatic animals due to ingestion, and create unsightly litter on our City's most treasured asset-our beaches; and

WHEREAS, these items have a detrimental effect on the public health, safety and welfare of City residents, visitors and to future generations of Floridians;

WHEREAS, as stewards of our environment, the City of Delray Beach's goal should be to eliminate cigarette smoking from our beaches.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY DELRAY BEACH GREEN IMPLEMENTATION ADVANCEMENT BOARD:

1. That the Delray Beach City Commission enact an ordinance prohibiting the sale and distribution of mylar balloons and other lightweight inflatable objects (excluding devices used in the aid of swimming or other water activities).
2. That the City provide reasonable lead time to persons engaged in the sale and distribution of these items so that any current inventory of these items can be sold or otherwise disposed of without causing economic harm to said persons.
3. That the City provide appropriate notice to people bringing these banned items into our City that the use of same is prohibited by said Ordinance.