

RESOLUTION NO. 8586-R34

A RESOLUTION
EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER REPLACING RECYCLABLE
ALUMINUM BEVERAGE CANS WITH PLASTIC CONTAINERS

WHEREAS, the farmland of Champaign County is a unique and important resource that needs to be preserved from unnecessary or premature conversion to non-agricultural use; and

WHEREAS, landfilling of municipal solid waste is a destructive, wasteful and inefficient use of prime farmland; and

WHEREAS, recycling and resource recovery are central components of an overall strategy to minimizing the use of landfills in Champaign County, including more particularly the City of Urbana; and

WHEREAS, widespread introduction of non-recyclable plastic containers would reduce the portion of the waste stream that is recycled; and

WHEREAS, the use of plastic beverage containers interferes with recycling of aluminum containers by contaminating the recycled aluminum; and

WHEREAS, the loss of revenue from the sale of recycled aluminum would require additional subsidy to fund recycling of other materials; and

WHEREAS, burning plastic containers could increase the generation of toxic air pollutants in a resource recovery facility; and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana is desirous of promoting recycling and resource recovery in an environmentally sound manner to minimize landfilling.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

1. That the City Council of the City of Urbana opposes the introduction of plastic beverage containers intended to replace recyclable aluminum cans unless and until the following conditions can be met:

(a) That a practical and economical means of collecting, processing and reusing the material from which such containers are made is demonstrated;

(b) That such recycling methods and markets for the recycled materials are adequate to provide for the reuse of all such plastic containers that are collected;

(c) That markets for the recycled materials are possible such that any plastic containers collected can be sold at a net profit by local recycling agencies;

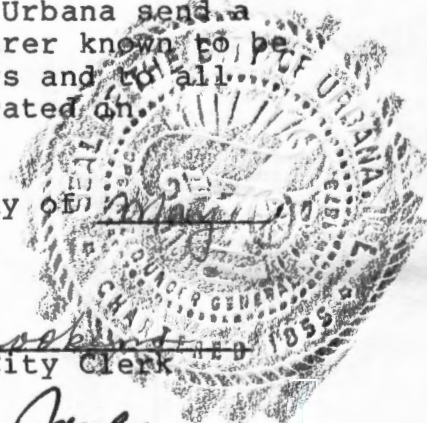
(d) That a practical and economical means of keeping plastic containers from mixing with aluminum containers or of separating plastic from aluminum once mixed is demonstrated; and

(e) That local bottlers or distributors or beverage manufacturers can guarantee that these conditions can be met for any local recycling agency or business operating within Champaign County.

2. That the City Clerk of the City of Urbana send a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Illinois, the Director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the City of Urbana's representatives to the Illinois General Assembly and State Senate.

3. That the City Clerk of the City of Urbana send a copy of this Resolution to any beverage manufacturer known to be considering the use of plastic beverage containers and to all bottling and beverage distribution businesses located in Champaign County.

PASSED by the City Council this 19th day of May, 1986.


Ruth S. Brookens
Ruth S. Brookens, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this 20th day of June, 1986.

Jeffrey T. Markland
Jeffrey T. Markland, Mayor