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**Subject:** Use of reusable cups at retail establishments

Greetings. I read in the Tribune today that the city intends to impose a \$.25 fee starting in 2024 for consumers who wish to use a disposable beverage cup at retail establishments.

I do not support encouraging the public to use reusable cups at coffee and other shops. While the plan is well intentioned, it may result in unanticipated public health concerns. Over the years I have witnessed the condition of filthy cups that people have passed to workers at coffee shops who often rinse them before refilling. Dirty cups should not be allowed to be passed to workers who are dealing with food products.

I don't know how you can police a requirement that only clean reusable mugs be filled at coffee and other shops. The thought of shops dealing with a bacterial soup of hundreds of peoples dirty reusable coffee mugs is a real turn off for me - and a potential public health concern.

As a secondary concern, adding another \$.25 or \$1.00 fee to use a disposable cup in my view gives the impression that Council is out of touch with the real cost and inflation pressures that citizens are dealing with. We don't need yet another fee to enjoy one of life's simple pleasures - a good cup of coffee in a clean cup.

Regards,

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