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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill #08-0059 – Beverage Containers – Refund Value		

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TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
Room 400, City Hall

Attention: Ms. Karen Randle

City Council Bill #08-0059 has been introduced for the purpose of imposing a refund value on certain nonreusable beverage containers; defining certain terms; requiring certain markings on these beverage containers; requiring dealers and distributors to accept these containers for refund under certain circumstances; imposing penalties; and generally relating to nonreusable beverage containers.

This bill, if passed, would require beverage dealers and distributors pay a refund for certain nonreusable beverage containers sold in the City. Failure to comply would result in fine or imprisonment.

A formal monitoring policy for this program has not yet been developed and currently would rest with the citizens and the general public in filing a complaint should a request for a refund be refused. Consequently, implementing a strategy to carry-out this program at the local level raises the question of feasibility.

Since the Commission on Sustainability has not yet formally met on this matter thereby deferring comment at this time, the Department of Finance cannot presently support approval of Council Bill 08-0059.

cc: Edward J. Gallagher
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Comment

