

RESOLUTION 15-020

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF KETCHUM, PROHIBITING THE SALE AND DISTRIBUTION OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES IN CITY PROPERTIES AND FACILITIES

WHEREAS, the City of Ketchum's 2014 Comprehensive Plan establishes a goal to reduce the amount of solid waste being generated by actively pursuing and supporting programs and activities that reduce the amount of waste which must go to the landfill; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ketchum's 2014 Comprehensive Plan encourages the adoption of policies emphasizing source reduction, reuse, composting, recycling, and the use of materials with recycled content; and

WHEREAS, Americans used approximately 50 billion plastic water bottles last year yet the recycling rate in United States is 23% which means 38 billion water bottles are wasted each year; and,

WHEREAS, last year the average American used 167 disposable water bottles but only recycled 38 of the bottles; and,

WHEREAS, the opportunities and availability for recycling plastics in the Wood River Valley is limited; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Ketchum's 2014 Comprehensive Plan establishes a goal to promote and support energy conservation and reduction of greenhouse gases; and,

WHEREAS, plastic is made from petroleum, and making plastic for the water bottles Americans consume uses 17 million barrels of crude oil annually which is enough to fuel 1.3 million vehicles in a year; and

WHEREAS, it takes an estimated 2000 times more energy to produce bottled water than it does to produce an equivalent amount of tap water; and,

WHEREAS, The City of Ketchum has easily accessible alternatives to bottled water, the water from the tap is safe, tastes great, and comes from local sources; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Ketchum tests municipal drinking water over 50 times per year to ensure strict compliance with the standards of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the State of Idaho; and,

WHEREAS, bottled water generally is no cleaner, safer or healthier than tap water,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council for the City of Ketchum that the sale and distribution of single-use plastic water bottles at all city-owned properties, city-owned facilities and city events shall be prohibited; and,

FURTHERMORE, the City Council for the City of Ketchum encourages the use of biodegradable serving plates, beverage containers and utensils within city-owned properties, city-owned facilities and city events.

PASSED by the City Council and **APPROVED** by the Mayor this 21st Day September 2015.

CITY OF KETCHUM, IDAHO

Nina Jonas,
Mayor

ATTEST:

Sandra E Cady, CMC
City Treasurer/Clerk