

Seaside defers to state law on plastic bag ban

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The city of Seaside had the opportunity to get the jump on the state in enacting a single-use plastic bag ban.

Ultimately, councilors decided the “environmental mantle” they might have received for its passage was outweighed by complications of an ordinance that could compete or diverge from state law, which bans the single-use bags as of Jan. 1.

Seaside ordinance 2019-02 would have been read for a third and final reading prior to adoption. But other things happened “above us,” Mayor Jay Barber said at the July 8 City Council public hearing.

At the meeting, Laura Allen of Seaside called the discussion “a really positive thing for Seaside.”

Allen, among longtime local advocates for the ban, said she hoped the city would pass the ordinance as a statement from the city. “We never know what’s going to go on at the state level.”

Passage of the ban by the city could prove a “testament” to the city’s leadership, she added.

Seaside’s Russ Mead also urged passage of the city ban.

He said the city could “take the environmental mantle by passing the bill: ‘We passed this bill before the state did.’”

He recommended going ahead with passage of the ordinance. “This is our law and we ought to pass it, and we ought to be proud of it.”

After discussion, councilors decided the distinction was not persuasive enough to move forward.

“From my perspective the state law does cover what we worked hard to cover in the community,” Barber said.

“For that reason, I truly believe the state is right with the January 2020 issue,” Montero said. “I personally

have to completely rewrite it?” Randy Frank said. “The state’s will completely supersede this. That creates a lot of extra work for city staff.”

This spring, dozens of ban supporters crowded city meetings, who described a threat to ocean wildlife and habitat.

They included business owners, environmental advocates and citizens who sought to mitigate the threat to what they described as a dire situation on a global level.

Correspondence to the city in favor of the ban included the state Department of Environmental Quality, which supports bans on single-use plastic bags and a fee on single-use paper bags.

Gov. Kate Brown signed House Bill 2905 in June,

banning single-use plastic grocery bags from stores and restaurants starting in 2020. The bill also requires stores to charge at least 5 cents per bag for alternatives, such as paper and reusable bags.

Oregon’s plastic bag ban is also joined by a bill requiring restaurants to only give plastic straws to customer who specifically ask for them. A third bill, which would have banned styrofoam take-out containers, did not pass.

If the state law is ever weakened, Barber said, “We’ll come back to the table and make sure it addresses at a stringent level whatever is required.”

Without a motion for a third and final reading of the city’s ordinance, the state law will go into effect Jan. 1.



Councilor Tita Montero said a local ban enacted earlier than the state ban could prove a hardship to local merchants, who have already purchased supplies for the year.

am of the opinion, the state has done their job, we have done our job, and we should let the state law prevail.”

Other councilors echoed these comments. “Why have an ordinance if we

Thai Me Up, Hop and Vine win liquor licenses

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Thai Me Up, a Thai Restaurant at 1575 South Roosevelt, and Hop and Vine, a bottle shop and tap room at 220 South Columbia, each went before the City Council Monday, July 8, seeking liquor licenses.

Hop and Vine owner-operator Tim Welsh, one of the owners of Fresh Foods in Manzanita, said he anticipates selling about 1,000 different wines and 500 or 600 different beers for off-premise consumption, and about 20 tap handles and wines for consumption on premises.

The establishment will serve specialty cheese, crackers and charcuterie, he added.

Welsh will manage the establishment himself.



R.J. Marx
Tim Welsh, owner-operator of Hop and Vine.

Hours will be seven days a week, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Welsh said.

The establishment opens Friday.

With “no disqualifications” from Seaside Police, Hop and Vine received approval for a limited on-premises sales liquor license and an off-premises

sales license, with councilors Tom Horning, Steve Wright, Seth Morrisey and Mayor Jay Barber voting to approve the license. Councilor Tita Montero voted against.

Thai Me Up
Proprietor Pattaporn Lorwatcharasophon of Thai Me Up came before the council seeking a full on-premises sales license, allowing the sale of distilled spirits, malt beverages, and wine and cider. The license also allows private catering if the applicant gets pre-approval from the Oregon Liquor Control Authority.

Thai Me Up Seaside is the second restaurant for Lorwatcharasophon, with the original Thai Me Up in Lincoln City.

She plans on serving beer, wine and specialty



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Pattaporn Lorwatcharasophon of Thai Me Up Seaside.

drinks. Service will be at the dining room tables only.

Hours will be seven days a week, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Seaside Det. Corporal William Barnes found no disqualifications and the application received unanimously council approval.



Brush fire in Seaside brought under control

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Seaside Fire Department, police and lifeguards responded mid-Saturday afternoon to a brush fire in Seaside, in grass near Avenue K and the Prom.

By about 3:30 p.m., the fire was pronounced under control. No one was injured. “It started in the beach

grass west of the dunes,” Fire Chief Joey Daniels said at the scene. “The wind came pretty quick and with the trees as fuel, the department went to a second alarm.”

The cause of the fire is under investigation.

“At this time, it’s under control,” Daniels said. “We have it isolated. We’re just doing some mop up.”



Seaside Police

July 5

23 reports of illegal fireworks were reported.

1:34 a.m., Broadway and Columbia: A minor in possession of alcohol is apprehended.

12:09 p.m., Broadway: Another minor in possession of alcohol is apprehended.

12:15 p.m., Convention Center: A minor in possession of alcohol is apprehended.

July 6

7:26 a.m., 1600 block S. Columbia: A deceased person is reported.

7:45 a.m., OceanWay restrooms: Persons are warned of unlawful lodging.

10:07 a.m., The Cove: Police receive a report of someone taking marine life from tide pools. The call is referred to OSP Fish and Game.

12:00 noon, Police headquarters: A person is arrested on a warrant.

July 7

12:59 a.m., 1000 block 24th Avenue: A disturbance is reported.

1:42 a.m., 2500 block Queen Street: Unwanted phone contact is reported.

9:18 a.m., 400 block N. Downing:

Caller reports male on foot behaving in a suspicious manner.

12:41 p.m., Avenue S and Prom: Caller reports tent on the beach; officer made contact with person inside the tent and advised them to take it down.

July 8

9:52 a.m., Holladay and Avenue G: A person is arrested on a warrant.

10:24 a.m., 300 block S. Columbia: A missing person is reported.

9:59 p.m., End of World: Police respond to a report of a large party on the beach; officers located abandoned campfire but no persons.

July 9

3:42 p.m., 1100 block N. Roosevelt: Police respond to a report of a bloody individual sleeping on a bench. Property owner wants subject trespassing. Subject was not bloody.

July 10

12:23 a.m., 800 block S. Roosevelt: Police respond to a report of a disturbance. The involved parties were separated prior to police arrival and agreed to part ways.

11:59 p.m. The Prom: Police respond to a request for a welfare check of subjects in the ocean. Officer made contact with the subjects and deemed all were fine.

July 11

2:15 a.m., 400 block S. Holladay: A disturbance is reported.

10:41: 4200 block Highway 101: Police assist another agency with an arrest.

Seaside Fire

July 5

12:29 a.m., Broadway: Emergency medical response.

12:35 p.m., Avenue G and Beach: Fire investigation.

5:36 p.m., Roosevelt: Emergency medical response.

7:52 p.m., The Cove: Fire investigation.

6:00 p.m., Semaphore N: Water rescue.

8:28 p.m., Avenue U and Beach: Fire investigation.

July 6

1:38 p.m., Beach and 16th: Fire investigation.

2:13 p.m., Semaphore 3: Water rescue.

2:56 p.m., Beach and Second: Water rescue.

July 7

4:12 a.m., 500 block N. Holladay: Emergency medical response.

5:12 p.m., 2400 block Pine: Emergency medical response.

11:10 p.m., 1900 block Spruce Drive: Emergency medical response.

July 8

2:36 a.m., 700 block Avenue B: Emergency medical response.

7:58 a.m., 1100 block Avenue B: Emergency medical response.

9:26 a.m., N. Wahanna: Emergency medical response.

July 9

7:51 a.m., 2000 block Spruce Drive: Police and fire respond to a motor vehicle accident where a car caught on fire.

12:33 p.m., Broadway: Fire investigation.

6:27 p.m. 1300 block N. Holladay: Emergency medical response.

7:24 p.m., 1800 block Lewis and Clark: Emergency medical response.

8:26 p.m., 600 block Village

Terrace: Emergency medical response.

July 10

4:22 a.m., 2500 block Mill Creek Lane: Emergency medical response.

July 11

4:53 p.m. Chapman Point: Water rescue.

8:16 p.m., 1100 block S. Jackson: Emergency medical response.

Oregon State Police

On July 15 at 8:27 p.m., on Highway 101 and Highway

26, Brent Maguire, 56, was involved in a crash after attempting to negotiate a curved portion of the highway while intoxicated. Police say his vehicle left the highway and crashed into the embankment. It was determined Maguire had a BAC of .16%. His vehicle was towed from the scene by Triangle Towing. The Seaside Fire Department and the Cannon Beach police department assisted Oregon State police at the crash scene, and Maguire was issued criminal citations for DUII, reckless driving, and DWS-misdemeanor. He was booked into the Clatsop County Jail.



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