



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
MAYOR'S OFFICE
ST. LOUIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. #43
PROHIBITION OF PURCHASE OF SINGLE-SERVING BOTTLED WATER

An executive order relating to the prohibition of purchase of single-serving bottled water by the government of the City of St. Louis, Missouri.

WHEREAS, using tap water is environmentally friendly and less expensive; and

WHEREAS, St. Louis tap water is distributed through an energy-efficient system; and

WHEREAS, tap water is closely regulated by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and

WHEREAS, tap water from the City of St. Louis won the 2007 Best Tasting City Water in America Award from the U.S. Conference of Mayors; and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis recognizes our responsibility to promote the consumption of our own clean, eco-friendly, and award-winning tap water;

WHEREAS, promoting the use of tap water will save tax dollars.

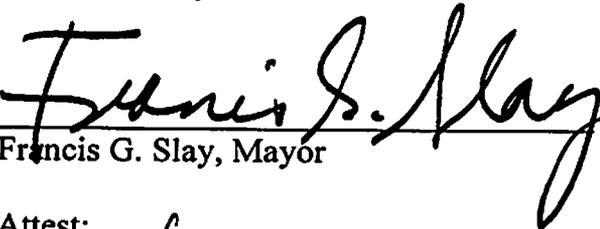
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Francis G. Slay, Mayor of the City of St. Louis, do hereby issue this Executive Order on the prohibition of purchase of single-serving bottled water:

1. Beginning August 20, 2008, the City of St. Louis and its departments, divisions, and agencies shall be prohibited from purchasing single-serving bottled water for employee consumption with City funds.

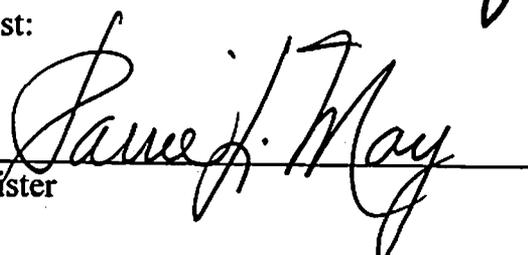
2. The Mayor retains the power to suspend this bottled water purchase prohibition during times of emergency, disaster, or distress by act of a simple verbal declaration. Once this period of time has passed, the Mayor shall reinstate this prohibition by act of a simple verbal declaration.

3. Waivers allowing exemption from this prohibition will only be granted by the Office of the Mayor based on legitimate engineering, health, and/or fiscal concerns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the seal of the City of St. Louis this 20 day of August, 2008.


Francis G. Slay, Mayor

Attest:


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