

# Share Your Thoughts

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## **SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT**

13 February 2019 - 03 August 2021

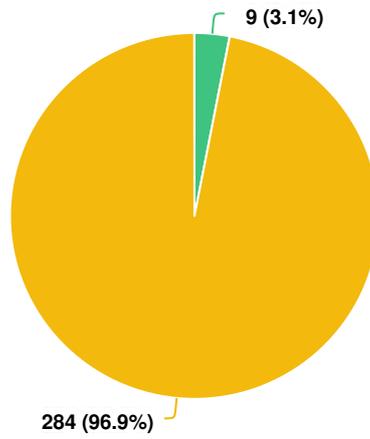
### **PROJECT NAME:**

Healthy Beverages for Children's Meals



SURVEY QUESTIONS

**Q1** | Do you own a restaurant in the City of Longmont?



**Question options**

- Yes
- No

*Mandatory Question (293 response(s))*

*Question type: Radio Button Question*

**Q2** Please provide the name and address of your restaurant(s) in Longmont. (This information is only for internal use.)

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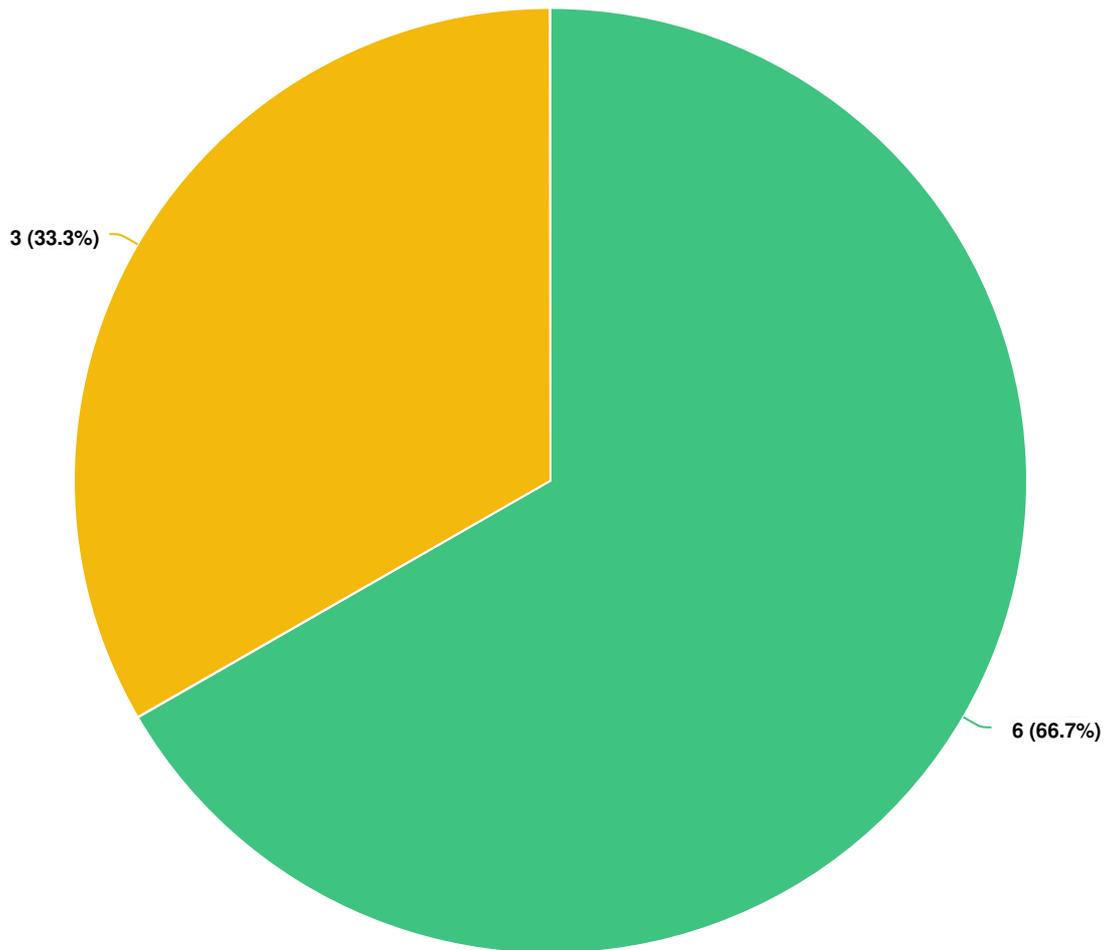
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**Optional question** (7 response(s), 286 skipped)

**Question type:** Single Line Question

**Q3** Do your menus offer a kid's meal package (drink and meal combined)?



**Question options**

- Yes
- No

*Mandatory Question (9 response(s))  
Question type: Radio Button Question*

**Q4** What drink options does your kid's meal include?

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All N/A Bev

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Water, milk, juice box,

[REDACTED]  
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Milk, water, soda, Mr Misty

[REDACTED]  
7/27/2021 02:02 PM

Milk, Chocolate milk, apple juice,  
lemonade, tea, and soft drinks

[REDACTED]  
7/29/2021 07:49 AM

Milk: chocolate or white. Apple Juice:  
honest kids "r"organic. Dasani  
water....

**Mandatory Question** (6 response(s))

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q5 | How often do you reprint your menus that offer kid's meals?**

-  quarterly  
7/19/2021 12:02 PM
-  If and when a change is made  
7/26/2021 09:54 PM
-  Yearly at the most  
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-  Once a year  
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-  Now Digital. No printing involved....  
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**Optional question** (5 response(s), 288 skipped)

**Question type:** Single Line Question

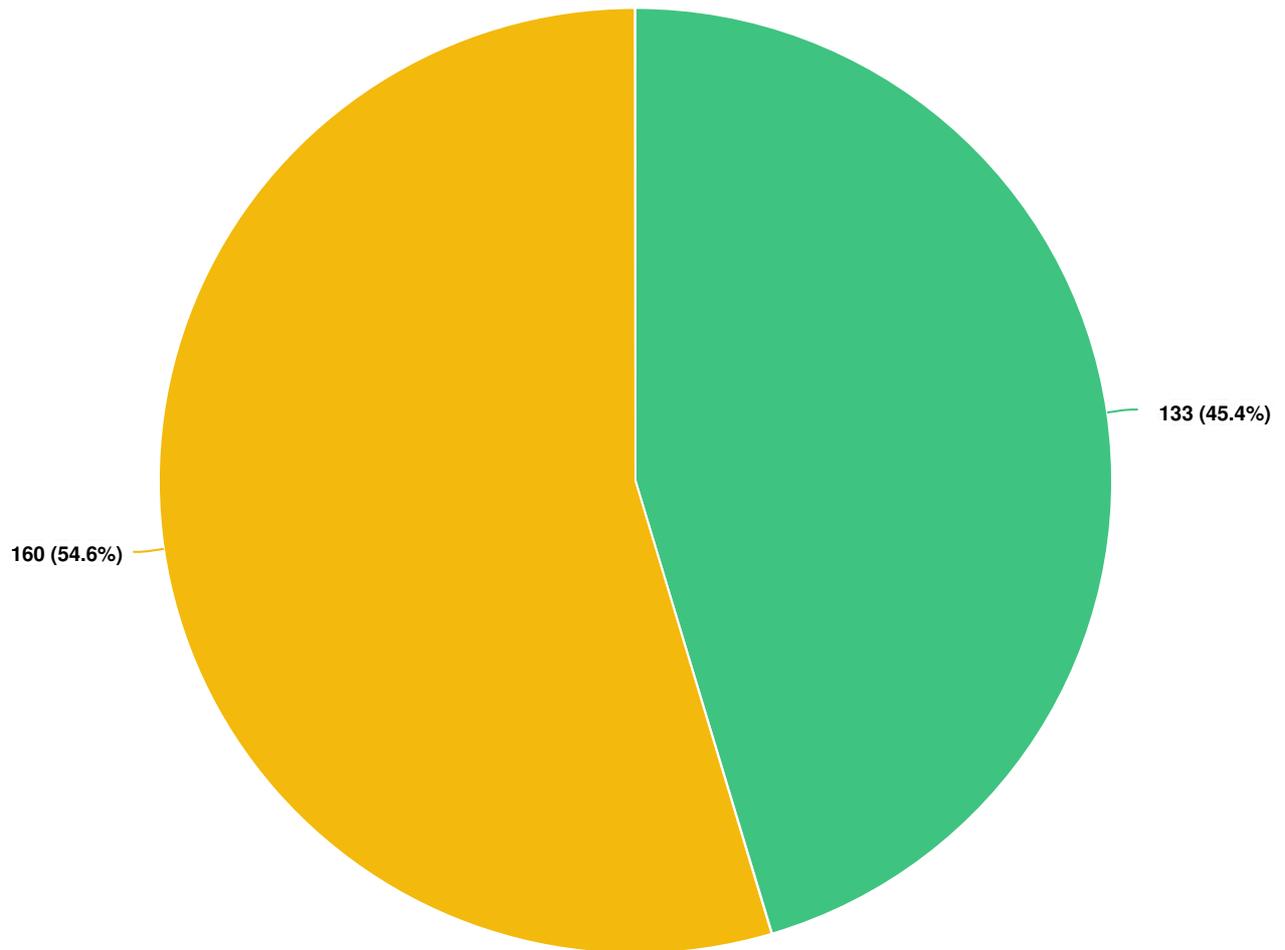
**Q6 | Should this initiative pass, how could Boulder County Public Health best support you in complying?**

-  no support needed  
7/19/2021 12:02 PM
-  Already offer the options that is proposed by city of longmont  
7/26/2021 09:54 PM
-  We already comply  
7/27/2021 06:26 AM
-  Unsure  
7/27/2021 02:02 PM
-  No help needed..... We are already there.....  
7/29/2021 07:49 AM

**Optional question** (5 response(s), 288 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

**Q7** Are you in favor of this initiative?



**Question options**

- Yes
- No

*Mandatory Question (293 response(s))  
Question type: Radio Button Question*

**Q8** Please indicate why you answered Yes or No to the question above:

[REDACTED]  
6/22/2021 02:55 PM

Healthy families are good for the community

[REDACTED]  
6/22/2021 06:09 PM

It should be the default to have healthy beverages not soda

[REDACTED]  
6/22/2021 06:29 PM

Sugar is bad for everyone, especially when it's hidden and in big amounts.

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 11:06 AM

We already do this

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 04:39 PM

This is not something government at any level should be engaged in.

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 04:53 PM

It is really great to not have to argue with kids about their drinks while eating at restaurants. I wish this ordinance was passed back when my kids were smaller, I would have been more likely to eat in restaurants.

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 05:36 PM

I've been overweight most of my life. I'm from the Pepsi generation. Healthy options are a DUH. Of course.

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 05:43 PM

Because it's idiotic. Don't micro manage restaurants and trust parents to make decisions for their kids. There's no logical or sensible reason for the city to attempt to abuse their power like this.

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 05:45 PM

What children consume is none of your business

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 05:45 PM

The city has no right to determine how people raise their children. This isn't something you should be involved with. I support healthy eating, but this is an overstep.

[REDACTED]

Kids need to be drinking water or

6/24/2021 05:47 PM

milk. No extra sugar.

[REDACTED]

6/24/2021 05:47 PM

No need for it. Learning overall health good practices is addressed thru other programs/services

[REDACTED]

6/24/2021 05:47 PM

While it is great to encourage healthy eating this is not the responsibility of city council. I oppose ordinances that infringe on citizens and business to make decisions for themselves.

[REDACTED]

6/24/2021 05:48 PM

I care about kids health and good modeling by parents. Also dentists and doctors are expensive so eating/drinking healthy food/drink is important in the long run cost-wise.

[REDACTED]

6/24/2021 05:49 PM

Health is important for everyone

[REDACTED]

6/24/2021 05:50 PM

I don't think dairy milk is healthy but better than soda.

[REDACTED]

6/24/2021 05:50 PM

Please stop the social engineering. Parents will decide what's best. Spend time encouraging restaurants to do this voluntarily.

[REDACTED]

6/24/2021 05:50 PM

This is a parenting choice not a city choice of how to parent my children

[REDACTED]

6/24/2021 05:50 PM

As a parent with four children in Longmont, I am capable and am responsible for leading my kids to make wise choices. Quite honestly, I do not need a city ordinance to make decisions for me. Businesses should have the freedom to advertise and offer what is legal and appropriate.

[REDACTED]

6/24/2021 05:55 PM

People are capable of making their own choices without being manipulated by the current 'politically correct thinking of their city council

[REDACTED]

6/24/2021 05:58 PM

Many restaurants spend good money on menus and will now have to replace all of them and in the end it

is another cost that ultimately may have no impact. People already have choices and even for kids most parents ask "what do you want to drink" or already have their minds made up what drink they will be ordering for their child. Unnecessary and imposing regulation to appease a few.

  
6/24/2021 05:59 PM

Okay with burgers and fries, but not the soda? Makes no sense. Leave it up to the parents.

  
6/24/2021 06:05 PM

I have rye II diabetes from drinking Coca-Cola. It is poison.

  
6/24/2021 06:05 PM

I believe this small thing can help with obesity and overall health of children in Boulder County.

  
6/24/2021 06:08 PM

We have such a growing problem with feeding our children sugary unhealthy food. This would help by having healthy choices highlighted

  
6/24/2021 06:09 PM

this seems like a very mild change in the right direction. It doesn't prohibit sales of sugary drinks, just makes non-sugary the default. I think it's a great step.

  
6/24/2021 06:11 PM

This is a parental issue, not a government issue. As a parent, I choose whether or not my children will have milk or allow them the treat of a soda. It doesn't matter where, or even "if", it's on the menu, it's up to the parents, period.

  
6/24/2021 06:12 PM

should be parents choice

  
6/24/2021 06:15 PM

This is not a decision for the City, the County, or two kind-hearted, well-intentioned citizens to determine.

  
6/24/2021 06:16 PM

We have three children and always hope to have healthy options when we eat out, including beverages.

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 06:20 PM

I'm not a fan of sugary drinks automatically coming with my child's meal

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 06:27 PM

I do not believe that we should legislate personal decisions in order to try to control our population. People will always make the choice that they are comfortable with regardless of outside pressure.

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 06:29 PM

healthy choice, but no mandate on what's ultimately served

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 06:30 PM

As much as people want to think this is govt overreach, designing the choices in a healthy way increases healthy behaviors. This is a simple way to create big change.

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 06:33 PM

People need to be healthy

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 06:42 PM

Longmont City Council does NOT need to be involved in this and spending my tax monies on this type of frivolous nonsense

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 06:48 PM

Parents and children can decide for themselves and government over reach is not necessary to govern people's choices.

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 06:50 PM

Parents can make choices for their kids. An initiative is unnecessary

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 06:51 PM

Over reach of government. Parents, kids and restaurants should make the decisions. Ok to educate on the importance of healthy choices but not to regulate them.

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 06:53 PM

I support healthy options and am glad when government encourages healthy alternatives.

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 06:57 PM

Government overreach.

[REDACTED]

As a veteran I am completely

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6/24/2021 06:57 PM

opposed to this ordinance ! Veterans put their lives on the line everyday , for the sake of FREEDOM, so that others have the right to make choices good , or bad .. Parents are the one's who make choices for their children ! Not our city council !! You infringe on those rights simply by also wanti g to fine people for their choices. This isnt China , or Russia . It's understood this started with middle school children as they learned the consequences for sugary drink's . Well maybe thats where it should stay ! Educate the children . Let. them as well have the FREEDOM. to make their choices . Kids do share what they learn at home with the adults .. Educate your community .But an ordinance so that you can feel good about yourselves that you did something good . Shame on you !! What about having more P.E.in school , or more programs outside of school for kids .. And as a veteran this certainly isn't the Longmont. I've lived in for 56 years . Shame on you and your ordinance ! Also. Longmont isn't Boulder , its Longmont!

  
6/24/2021 07:10 PM

It is the parent's job to regulate their kids' diet. There is no place in government telling you what you should or should not be in taking.

  
6/24/2021 07:16 PM

Not government job

  
6/24/2021 07:24 PM

Don't think it is the goverment's place to regulate this in any way. This proposed ordinance is not necessary to promote healthy drink choices for children to businesses and parents.

  
6/24/2021 07:25 PM

I don't believe it is the City Council's responsibility to mandate this on privately owned establishments.

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 07:32 PM

It is not Longmont City Council 's business to tell families whether their children can have sugary drinks.

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 07:51 PM

Not your business to limit options, it's the parents choice what to order for their kids

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 07:56 PM

1. It's overreach into parental choice. Don't be like Boulder. 2. I'm pretty sure that customers would still be paying the "soft drink" price for "water" and restaurants would pocket the difference.

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 07:57 PM

Going to a restaurant is a treat. Water is always available so that should not be a default choice. My kids can't drink milk and would likely not want a dairy substitute. We would choose organic diluted juice - there are several juice box brands out there that provide this (as opposed to fully concentrated).

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 08:08 PM

It seems a minor change that could have lasting benefits to health without reducing consumer options

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 08:21 PM

I think we should do everything we can to make it easier for children and adults to make healthy choices.

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 08:24 PM

Because I believe it is an important health initiative.

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 08:27 PM

People with Children who are to young to order for themselves should be responsible parents for their children's drink order. It is not the right of the Government or the restaurant to make that decision for them. People need to learn to be responsible for themselves. These rules are making followers not leaders. WAKE UP

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 08:42 PM

I would be more apt to vote for this if I was presented with data supporting that sugary drinks served IN

RESTAURANTS were the leading contributing factor to the data above/data was provided showing that most youth soda consumption occurs in restaurants, or data showing an impact where similar ordinances have been enacted. It seems more likely that in homes where this is an issue, the culprit is daily access to multipacks of soda purchased at a grocery store (which is probably a less easy 'target'). I would be more likely to support funding of an education campaign over an ordinance if anything (although I do not feel this is something the city should be addressing to begin with). The costs associated with enforcement and supporting restaurants will likely outweigh any benefits.

  
6/24/2021 08:51 PM

It is the role of the parent to guide their children to make healthy choices...not the government at any level.

  
6/24/2021 08:59 PM

The government is not directly responsible for what children drink, that's their parents' responsibility.

  
6/24/2021 09:07 PM

The better alternative would be to continue to educate parents about sugar. I mean, I learned about sugar and years ago I eliminated most added sugar in my diet and very rarely drink fruit juice. I raised my now grown daughter that way as well. Government making too many rules just causes rebellion. Education is the better choice.

  
6/24/2021 09:13 PM

Educate parents. Don't make restaurants responsible what parents let there kids drink.

  
6/24/2021 09:15 PM

This is ridiculous. Big government. Micromanaging. If someone wants water they'll order water. Stop.

  
6/24/2021 09:19 PM

all except minimal sugar is dangerous for long term health..then sh be from whole fruit type sources

  
6/24/2021 09:21 PM

This is a public health issue. Reducing sugar intake will have wide spread positive impact on children.

  
6/24/2021 09:36 PM

America has a serious obesity problem, that leads to several health complications. We need to start kids early with learning about staying healthy.

  
6/24/2021 09:41 PM

Gov't overreach. Let the parents decide and control.

  
  
6/24/2021 10:00 PM

Regulating restaurant menus is far outside the proper scope of municipal government. (Your good intentions do not justify government over-reach.)

  
6/24/2021 10:07 PM

Let parents be in charge

  
6/24/2021 10:34 PM

Let parents make choices for their children. If parents don't like the choices business will change to meet the need. We don't need more government involvement and cost.

  
6/24/2021 10:48 PM

Please do not add more government mandated regulations on private businesses. Schools and publicly funded programs may be a more appropriate recipient for this initiative. I completely understand the altruistic sentiment behind the proposal but it is a bit too heavy handed to impose on private businesses. Thank you.

  
6/24/2021 10:52 PM

The proposed ordinance serves no practical purpose. Every single restaurant I've ever been to has served tap water as an option to drink at no charge. And I know of none that have or would deny providing water or milk as an option in a kid's meal bundle when asked.

So no restaurant -needs- a regulation to force them to make this option. Really the only affect it has is to address the "tyranny of the default": that when parents don't specify an alternative, that the children be given something sugarless. I don't disagree with the principle that children drink/eat too much sugar. But why burden the restaurants with more laws? Parents are in charge of children's welfare and health - not restaurants. If parents are intent to give their children a sugary drink, this ordinance by its own admission will do nothing to stop it. If parents are health-conscious they will already know to ask for the water. If parents are indifferent, then the answer is to address the nutrition awareness to them where the responsibility lies. Provide education, flyers, science literature... so that uninformed parents can make informed decisions. Restaurants only provide those sugary options because parents and/or their children want it. Change the demand and that will change the behavior.

  
6/24/2021 11:13 PM

Unnecessary government regulation and expansion of the nanny state. Let parents make decisions on their own.

  
6/24/2021 11:23 PM

It's total government overreach and ridiculous. Parents are in charge of their kids, NOT govt. Please, just stop the baloney.

  
6/24/2021 11:53 PM

If parents want to give their kids junk, let the parent do that. What we as a society give them should be healthy. Sugary drinks have no place in a healthy diet.

  
6/25/2021 01:13 AM

I support healthy drinks in meals for school age children

  
6/25/2021 02:22 AM

Let parents do the parenting. The council has no business getting this involved in peoples lives. There are far more important things the council should be working on.

  
6/25/2021 03:20 AM

Families can make our own decisions about what we eat and drink. We do not need the government to help us. Restaurants have had a very rough time recently - they do not need more restrictions on how they operate.

  
6/25/2021 03:54 AM

I care about my community being healthy

  
6/25/2021 06:50 AM

Sugar is a huge problem relative to not only dental problems but leading to diabetes, inflammation, etc.

  
6/25/2021 06:55 AM

Parents should make decisions for their children. Government should stay out of individual choices.

  
6/25/2021 07:03 AM

Children are in the company of their parents when in restaurants and the parents have the responsibility for what the children consume. City Council should butt out. A menu could point out some healthy choices and that's all.

  
6/25/2021 07:10 AM

I don't think the city needs to be involved in every aspect of our lives. Kids have parents let them make the decisions. Undue burden on business owners.

  
6/25/2021 07:14 AM

Overreach by council; improper prioritization of community needs and council responsibilities; disrespectful to parents; overbearing intrusion into business operations; micromanaging busybodiness.

  
6/25/2021 07:15 AM

There is simply no reason for a child to be offered a sugar bomb.

  
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Strongly agree that soft drinks and

6/25/2021 07:24 AM

other drinks with lots of sugar are VERY unhealthy for children. Instead, should be offering milk options and milk alternatives. Even fruit juices are very high in sugar, and almost as bad as soft drinks.

6/25/2021 07:28 AM

Misses the mark. Little impact for unnecessary requirements for businesses. If a family wants healthy drinks for their kids, don't take them out to a restaurant. I drink water every time I'm out to eat. It's free, sugar free, and widely available?

6/25/2021 07:29 AM

Anything that reduces the consumption of sugar added beverages is good but actually on the fence on this proposal. The Dairy Council spends so much on lobbying and advertising that most of our elected officials and the general public believe that milk is healthy, but it is not.

6/25/2021 07:30 AM

Other drinks are still an option, but if a child of reading age is reading the kids menu, they may assume that sugary drinks are just not part of the deal. And for the younger kids that can't read, hopefully it reminds parents to make a healthier decision that could last a lifetime.

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The rate of diabetes in children (and adults) is astounding. Anything we can do to stem the increase is vital.

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That's a parental issue, not the local government's issue.

6/25/2021 07:47 AM

Stop trying to micromanage us. My kids only drink juice when we eat out and we eat out only once every two weeks. If you take away juice as included in with meals, people will just end up paying more. Plus, really water, as included drink, you do realize most restaurants bring water

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 08:12 AM

for free, right?

I think restaurants can offer anything they want to the public. It is the parents responsibility to control what their children eat and drink. I feel the city is overstepping it's authority by pushing this.

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 08:15 AM

I support initiatives to foster a healthier society, that will ultimately contribute to lower health care costs and improved quality of life for people in our community.

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 08:22 AM

The whole thing is a stupid, unnecessary waste of time.

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 08:23 AM

Stupid waste of time

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 08:29 AM

Reducing sugar helps families maintain a healthy lifestyle. Sugar is the first drug kids encounter, anything we can do to empower parents is very helpful

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 08:58 AM

The city council has NO business getting involved with how children are raised and need to mind there own business.

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 09:19 AM

I despise the fact that people sell toxic waste labeled as food. I consider it anti-American, basically a commie plot to destroy America. And they do it because they are greedy slime like Warren Buffet. It is destroying America. However, the government should not be regulating what people eat. That is worse. Also it furthers the cause of the anti-Americans who want to overthrow our government in the name of some fat narcissist who is plotting with putin to destroy our freedoms.

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 09:33 AM

I agree that soft drink companies target children and others, and it is in no way affecting the consumers

ability to purchase whatever they want.

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6/25/2021 10:04 AM

It is not the governments place to get involved.

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6/25/2021 10:14 AM

Parents should have the responsibility of overseeing what their children consume. I feel this is an overreach by Longmont City Council.

█  
6/25/2021 10:16 AM

1. No need for government to stick its nose into this issue. 2. Additional expense for restaurants that are currently struggling due to the pandemic. 3. This is not an issue I want the government involved in.

█  
6/25/2021 10:27 AM

Parents of children should make decision on what they allow their children to et or drink. When I grew up, sweet drinks were a treat (birthday, cookout, holiday, etc). The city should not get between a parent and their child.

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6/25/2021 10:40 AM

Habits that are learned young stick with you. It's important that children be given healthy choices when eating out.

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6/25/2021 10:48 AM

I'd prefer to see us try less "formal" steps toward progress on this issue first. Rather than an ordinance, can we simply encourage restaurants to promote less sugary drinks for children and support those efforts with the funding for training and for reprinting menus? Then a follow-up study can eventually show how effective that approach was.

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6/25/2021 10:53 AM

It places undue burden on restaurants in Longmont. It requires staffing, resources, etc. from the City and County that could be better utilized elsewhere. Healthy eating is personal responsibility and should not be governed.

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 10:56 AM

Parents should be free to make their own choices.

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 10:58 AM

Its the right thing to do

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 11:01 AM

Governmental overreach. If the parents don't know by now that soda is bad for you, do you really think another ordinance is going to change that? Doubtful. Just makes you look like jerks.

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 11:02 AM

It is the responsibility of parents to control the food or drinks their children have. It is not the responsibility of the government to control people.

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 11:10 AM

The dangers of sugar, especially the dangers of over consuming sugar, need to be taught at a young age. We should not demonize sugar, but we should make it known that moderation is necessary and should be actively pursued.

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 11:23 AM

I am a FREE American I do not need a Nany State to tell what is good for my children. BY the way my family been in the medical field some 30 years

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 11:23 AM

We need to make it easy for folks to do the right thing.

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 11:36 AM

Unnecessary..mind your own business..we have more important things to do. Becoming a nanny city. Like 'if we get rid of fire extinguishers there will be no more fires'. Let parents choose..you're insulting parents

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 11:40 AM

It really doesn't matter to my kids because they are not allowed to have sugary drinks, but if this helps other parents make wise choices by not having to make a choice, then so be

[REDACTED]

6/25/2021 12:32 PM

it. You are not removing anyone's freedoms, just making the default more healthy, in my opinion.

It's an unnecessary regulation that will likely add additional costs to restaurant owners and costs to the city fir enforcement. Of course, it is the customer and residents who ultimately pay fir these additional costs. I also oppose it simply out of principle. It really should not be the government's business to dictate how a restaurant owner presents its menu options. This is government overreach

[REDACTED]

6/25/2021 12:43 PM

Too much government interference in an area that it should not be governing.

[REDACTED]

6/25/2021 01:41 PM

Promoting healthy choices for long term health outcomes should be a priority. The choice is still there but there is not always a healthy option

[REDACTED]

6/25/2021 02:25 PM

Let parents be parents, this over the top regulations that the city has no business in.

[REDACTED]

6/25/2021 02:32 PM

It's not any of the government's concern what my child drinks. It's Nannyism and the govt needs to stay out. Parents can make this decision for their child.

[REDACTED]

6/25/2021 03:01 PM

Frankly, this seems like government overreach to me. I hardly think that offering milk or water when going out to eat is going to cure the problem of childhood obesity. Kids eat sugary food at home as well—are we going to regulate that too? What a waste of money for BCPH to have to pay to have all these menus reprinted and to police this ordinance! How about BCPH puts their money towards offering an education campaign about the effects of sugar consumption? There are so many

other problems the City Council should be dealing with in Longmont —homelessness and traffic congestion, to name just a couple. Let's concentrate on those, and let parents figure out how best to raise their kids.

  
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Unnecessary oversight and seems punitive, like another revenue generation ordinance

  
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stop trying to be a nanny state, it's none of the governments business. The health of children is up to the parents

  
6/25/2021 03:30 PM

It is needless government overreach.

  
6/25/2021 03:37 PM

Not responsibility of city government! Find better use of tax dollars.

  
6/25/2021 03:46 PM

Parents, not government are better judges of their kids eating/drinking habits

  
6/25/2021 03:50 PM

This falls on parents decisions without the interference of government and laws. If government believes they must interfere with raising children than a better use of money, and laws would be to require all parents to take a class on nutrition prior to giving birth to a child. All existing parents, grandparents, educators, caregivers (all involved in the well being of children) would also take the class. In turn to help educate children there would then be a required age appropriate nutrition class starting in pre-school, one again in required in Kindergarten, 1st grade, 6th grade and Freshman year of high school. Rather than force the responsibility onto restaurants, especially given they can't control what a parent or child orders even with a "kids meal", look at ways to

better educate on the matter. This initiative is policing the matter which is wrong and doesn't work. The burden of what children consume is not one that restaurants should carry. This is a parental matter not a business owner's matter. If this passes, which I hope it does not, than food trucks must be included. They are as much responsible for selling kids junk food as anyone else. The same children you are trying to protect are possibly getting a coke with dinner at home so they want the same thing when eating out. The changes need to come from home not from eating out especially when "eating out" to many does mean fast food and not an actualy restaurant.

It is government over-reach.

  
6/25/2021 03:56 PM

The resources spent could be used more effectively to achieve the desired outcome: greater awareness of the negative health impacts of sugary drinks. People will continue to buy sugary drinks from restaurants despite the barrier this policy creates. Further, they will continue to buy such beverages unhindered from other sellers. The policy would spend tax payer funds to reproduce menus, increasing the amount of trash going into our landfills. Besides, the hypocrisy of our nanny state inclinations are dismaying. We now allow adults to buy smokeable marijuana products whose carcinogenic and pulmonary impacts are a ticking time bomb. At the same time, we will erode the responsibility of those same adults to teach their children to make healthier choices at restaurants.

  
6/25/2021 04:13 PM

  
It is not the City Council or City to

6/25/2021 04:53 PM

regulate our families practices and life style.

6/25/2021 04:53 PM

I'm all for encouraging healthy eating and drinking, but, do we really need to be more like Boulder, dictating how a restaurant's menu should look? This is a parent's job, not the responsibility of the City.

6/25/2021 04:54 PM

Because sometimes it's the only special treat my kids get when we go out. They don't get ice cream, treats, and a special drink.

6/25/2021 05:15 PM

Government stay out of what should be parents decision. Government has no business in this decision

6/25/2021 05:16 PM

I believe parents are intelligent enough to know there are healthy alternatives if they so desire. There is no need to make these the default choice.

6/25/2021 05:18 PM

I dislike having sugary drinks as a default option for my children and having to argue with them if they see it on the menu; I would love not having it as an automatic option, and being able to order one as a treat if I so choose. Sugary drinks are a huge contributor to children's sugar intake and I try to limit that. I'm strongly in favor of the initiative.

6/25/2021 05:18 PM

It's not government business what children eat OR drink. This is a parenting decision,

6/25/2021 05:23 PM

I agree that sugary drinks should be limited -- a special treat maybe. However, it concerns me that the city is considering enacting a ban in public dining places to keep sugary drinks from children. It is too big an intrusion into family life!

6/25/2021 06:37 PM

While the intention is noble this is the parent/adult responsibility. Government officials do not have any

business regulating what people eat or drink aside from alcoholic beverages. Regulations already exist for that.

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 06:58 PM

We don't need government regulation dictating our family diets. It is a matter of choice and personal responsibility.

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 08:37 PM

It is not governments job

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 08:57 PM

I think this is a waste of time & energy. There are so many more important things for our local government to be spending their time on. Parents can choose what to give their children. Most restaurants already list the healthy beverages first anyway. So this is just a ridiculous ordinance to make restaurant owners do one more thing. Why ask more of restaurant owners who have managed to keep their businesses despite the pandemic? Unnecessary.

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 09:03 PM

It is not a city's responsibility to raise children. It is the parents who should make decisions about their children's health and care.

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 09:08 PM

Sugar is poison and young kids should not drink soda

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 09:23 PM

City of Longmont should not be involved to what a child should drink, that is a parents decision.

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 10:01 PM

Help to curve childhood obesity.

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 11:51 PM

This is overreach. An informational campaign would be a better solution. I think that Longmont is starting down the path of Boulder with politically motivated groups pushing measures that put undue pressure on

businesses. Don't burden businesses any more than they have been burdened. Pro-business benefits Longmont.

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6/26/2021 12:29 AM

I don't believe the government should have a say in what my children should drink.

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6/26/2021 05:01 AM

Not a proper government function.

██████  
6/26/2021 07:15 AM

The ordinance doesn't limit what can be offered but rather encourages parents to consider healthier drinks first

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6/26/2021 06:55 AM

Milk has sugar. I think water should be required option only. You have other important work to do ! This is not a priority.

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6/26/2021 07:37 AM

I like the intent of this initiative but I think the rule as is just causes more work for restaurants or wouldn't apply because restaurants can offer drinks for a separate price to get around the rule. As a parent, I would be more interested in places required to offer milk at all (some don't) and I don't mind paying for it. The cost of a fountain drink vs milk is very different for a restaurant so I don't mind if milk is an up charge. This feels like having regulation for the sake of regulation and would likely not change anything.

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6/26/2021 08:14 AM

I'm fine with a government entity providing information or making suggestions, restaurant ordinances are overreach.

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6/26/2021 08:53 AM

We have to do something about the dietary habits that harm our kids. A choice is a simple, non punitive way to do that.

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6/26/2021 08:57 AM

This is a family decision NOT government

[REDACTED]  
6/26/2021 09:00 AM

Parents raise children here, not the government

[REDACTED]  
6/26/2021 09:08 AM

I am in favor of the community encouraging healthier lifestyles. I am not in favor of mandating this in restaurants. Additionally it will likely cost restaurants money to comply. In other public areas like pools and recreation centers where children are likely to be making decisions in their own I would be in favor of only supplying healthier products.

[REDACTED]  
6/26/2021 09:25 AM

City should not intrude on private family decisions. Not government business to tell its citizens what to do. Beyond government's scope.

[REDACTED]  
6/26/2021 10:22 AM

Allow people to make their own choices. another unnecessary ordinance that will likely not get enforced.

[REDACTED]  
6/26/2021 11:06 AM

This is government intrusion that is not needed and should not be allowed.

[REDACTED]  
6/26/2021 11:16 AM

it is not the government job it is the parents job to be a parent!!

[REDACTED]  
6/26/2021 11:43 AM

Sugar is the number one cause of obesity and diabetes. It is laced into tons of processed foods and drinks labeled 'fat free' or with misleading labels. Sugar turns into fat if it is not used plus it spikes look Sugar.

[REDACTED]  
6/26/2021 12:04 PM

I would think the adult with the child should ask for a healthy drink option. An order of water, low fat milk, or skim milk is already at most restaurants; if not, don't eat there.

[REDACTED]  
6/26/2021 12:11 PM

It is NOT the place of City Council to legislate personal choices for any citizen! It is up to parents to make these choices for their children!

[REDACTED]

Not the business of City Council. The

6/26/2021 12:51 PM

decision is one for the family to make.

6/26/2021 03:07 PM

The government has no business mandating what restaurants serve or making them expend the money to satisfy a few disgruntled parents. More expense for the restaurants means higher costs passed on to the consumer. If parents are worried that what their kids are drinking has too much sugar, it's up to the parents to order free water or take their kids some place where they have that food option. Let me say that again—the parents are responsible to order free water or go to a different restaurant. Also, I think a child can go an hour without milk or a milk substitute. Water with their meals, milk provided at home by the kids' parents.

6/26/2021 03:19 PM

Parents should decide what their kids can drink

6/26/2021 05:21 PM

Waste of city and restaurant time and money. Parents either know or don't; if they don't, this is the least of the kids' problems.

6/26/2021 05:25 PM

Just more government control.

6/26/2021 07:12 PM

As a dietitian and a parent, I recognize how important healthy beverage choices are for kids. Early habits have lasting impact.

6/26/2021 07:39 PM

As a parent of 3, it is MY responsibility, along with my husband to educate my children on healthy living, and to teach them and lead by my example. It is NOT the place of government to regulate what I choose to put in my body, or what my children choose to put in their bodies. Information is abundant to allow parents and guardians to teach

children. Let the parents teach them.  
We eat out twice a month, and a soda at the restaurant is a treat for my children.

[REDACTED]  
6/26/2021 08:41 PM

Parents don't need the gov't telling them what their children should ingest.

[REDACTED]  
6/26/2021 11:31 PM

childhood obesity is a serious risk for the individuals and families it affects, and also for the community/state

[REDACTED]  
6/27/2021 03:12 AM

I feel it is time for government at all levels to leave parenting to the parents. I know sugar can lead to multiple physical problems, but there is ample information available to the parents who would follow it. This "protect the kids from their parents" phase needs to stop.

[REDACTED]  
6/27/2021 08:33 AM

leave the job to parents not government.

[REDACTED]  
6/27/2021 09:05 AM

This is a government overreach. If you want healthy kids, start with more recreation and better quality food at the schools.

[REDACTED]  
6/27/2021 06:44 PM

Not the government's business!

[REDACTED]  
6/27/2021 08:58 PM

Parents should be in charge of parenting decisions. Restaurants should not be burdened with this

[REDACTED]  
6/28/2021 11:32 AM

I do not believe that local government should be in charge of micromanaging menus. Sugary drinks are not any worse for children than are hotdogs, ice cream or in many people's opinions, cows milk. By adding more regulations the entry route into the business becomes more onerous over time without being consistent.

[REDACTED]  
6/28/2021 12:26 PM

I am very concerned about obesity in children, and pop is a huge gateway

to overweight and having sugar cravings. It shouldn't be so easy for sugary drinks to be in the forefront; healthy drinks should be in the forefront for our kids sake to avoid suffering and eventual mortality. It's not fair to our kids to have a dismal, short future. I think this is a wonderful first step to have a chance against the big pop corporations who are influencing our kids.

[REDACTED]

6/28/2021 01:35 PM

Free people can choose for themselves ! We absolutely do NOT need a Nanny / mommy Government trying to guide our life choices. Parents CHOOSE for themselves...

[REDACTED]

6/28/2021 01:59 PM

Type 2 diabetes is on the rise along with childhood obesity. We need to offer appealing no or low sugar alternatives to both children and adults. People are often unaware of the amount of sugar and extra calories they are consuming.

[REDACTED]

6/28/2021 02:02 PM

Children are the responsibility of parents, not government. Hands off my life and my kids please.

[REDACTED]

6/28/2021 02:14 PM

Stay out of peoples lives. Mind your own business. Do something useful or don't do anything .... Please

[REDACTED]

6/28/2021 02:19 PM

Educate. Don't legislate. I'm sick of our rights being legislated away. You KNOW restrictions will not stop here. Shame on you for even trying such a thing. TEACH people. Don't throttle them!

[REDACTED]

6/28/2021 03:28 PM

I have reviewed the restaurant information gathered by BCPH and have found several instances where the information presented is either incomplete or inaccurate. The information supplied by BCPH does not include online and/or mobile app menu information and how the cost would be mitigated for restaurants to

necessary make changes. The information supplied states that BCHP will pay the cost of reprinting menus, but there can be impacts to restaurant staff time to organize the changes. The cost for staff time must be included in the money BCHP will reimburse.

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6/28/2021 04:34 PM

It imposes so little on restaurant owners or consumers.

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6/28/2021 04:54 PM

we do not live in or desire to be in a nanny state, these choices are individual

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6/28/2021 07:10 PM

Adults do not need help from any government to make dietary choices for their children. Passing this ordinance will do nothing other than create an enforcement need -- spending more money while parents will continue to yield to their kids demand for sweet drinks.

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6/28/2021 08:50 PM

Honestly, I don't care what drink is advertised. Milk is as undesirable to me as soda. However, this will be a costly change for restaurants to make and it is completely unnecessary. Parents purchasing children's meals can already ask for whatever 'healthy' drink the restaurant offers, it's up to them to act like parents. Stop trying to regulate every minute detail of our lives, businesses and homes. What is the point of micro-managing this city? Please use your time and energies for something truly important to residents. If you want your subjects (aka citizens) to make more wholesome choices, the city needs to put a focus on God, American citizenship, morality, integrity and personal responsibility. Values such as stewardship, honesty, upstanding character and

[REDACTED]

6/29/2021 06:38 AM

being healthy will follow.

What the children eat or drink is the parent's decision not the City Council. If you are concerned about children, put your efforts into their school education...and I do not mean CRT!

[REDACTED]

6/29/2021 09:49 AM

I strongly believe this is government over-reach. It is not the responsibility of government to mandate such things. What would be next? Mandate that salads be listed first on menus instead of red meats? Or maybe tea & coffee be the only beverages on the menu and you have to ask for any alcohol. Perhaps there should be an ordinance mandating that all parents take a nutrition class.

[REDACTED]

6/29/2021 10:05 AM

The food and beverages companies have so much more power to influence eating habits than any family can overcome without tremendous effort. Today's families are struggling enough. This at least helps a little bit to counter the companies who are only after \$'s and take no responsibility for the consequences.

[REDACTED]

6/29/2021 10:40 AM

I believe the government does not need to get involved in these type of issues. Parents are aware of options when they go out to eat and don't need the government making decisions for them.

[REDACTED]

6/29/2021 03:47 PM

I do not think this type of ordinance is within the scope of City Council nor the City of Longmont's responsibility for mandating. This is a health decision, not a municipal policy decision.

[REDACTED]

6/29/2021 05:00 PM

the government has no business, telling hard working business owners how to run there business.



6/29/2021 10:13 PM

Parents should be making these decisions. I am not in favor of my children or grandchildren drinking sugary drinks, however, it needs to be a choice for parents to make for their own children. Government should not be involved with these types of family choices. The city council needs to be concerned about more important issues like the homeless situation or traffic problems.



6/29/2021 10:19 PM

You can not legislate common sense.



6/30/2021 09:53 AM

Making healthy beverages the default is a good way to nudge people towards better choices. I also think this will help reduce friction between parents and their kids who will almost always choose sugary drinks over healthy ones.



6/30/2021 11:27 AM

The amount of sugar and non-healthy ingredients in fast foods are simply detrimental to growing children.



6/30/2021 01:44 PM

I think this ordinance is a wonderful way to encourage lifetime healthy habits and open opportunities for conversations around nutrition and healthy choices while still allowing for all consumers to make independent choices.



6/30/2021 03:45 PM

On top of being a good cause, the initiative does not restrict the choices of anyone, so I see no negative.



6/30/2021 04:14 PM

Increasingly unhealthy (and potentially dangerous) habits turn into lifestyles. It is important to protect our youth from stealthy, addictive substances, such as sugary drinks, which contribute heavily to our nation's fundamental issues of obesity and health risk.

[REDACTED]  
6/30/2021 04:17 PM

Sugary beverages are not very healthy for kids and this ordinance is not banning these drinks completely, parents still can choose to get them for their kids.

[REDACTED]  
6/30/2021 04:21 PM

At the current moment, a lot of healthy beverages are more expensive than unhealthy beverages. This may have an effect on the type of drinks that many people select. I think that this initiative does a good job in leveling the playing field/putting more of an emphasis on the healthier options.

[REDACTED]  
6/30/2021 08:34 PM

Easier for parents to order healthy drinks.

[REDACTED]  
6/30/2021 09:31 PM

People are already free to choose the drink of their choice healthy or unhealthy.

[REDACTED]  
6/30/2021 09:48 PM

I have a child with a disability and diagnosed ADD and anxiety. When he was a child we struggled greatly with convincing him to take a healthy drink option. Going out to dinner was a nightmare. The choices were overwhelming for him to look at. Anything more than 2 choices would be a mind overload for him.

[REDACTED]  
7/01/2021 09:35 AM

I think the less sugar we have in our drinks and our schools is important. We need to help to make the kids healthier and more aware

[REDACTED]  
7/01/2021 10:09 AM

When presented with good options, kids (and hopefully parents) will make good choices. The amount of sugar in sodas and "fruit" juices has been proven unhealthy.

[REDACTED]  
7/01/2021 10:17 AM

This will make healthy choices easier on parents and kids when dining out. Pick healthy choice A or healthy choice B.

[REDACTED]

Parents can make a choice for their

7/01/2021 10:21 AM

child's beverage. I am a mother of two small ones and often a juice or a small soda at a restaurant is a weekly or monthly treat. I believe that it is up to the parents to decide and there are other more important health initiatives that this money could support.

  
7/01/2021 10:31 AM

Because the healthy thing should be the default.

  
7/01/2021 11:02 AM

I think awareness to the dangers of sugary beverages is very important in our community if we wish to be healthier. Especially when it comes to children who don't quite understand the health dangers of bad drinks, offering healthier drinks as a default would be a very good idea.

  
7/01/2021 11:03 AM

It makes the default choice a healthy choice. People wanting a healthy diet don't have to swim upstream by opting out so their burden is lower.

  
7/01/2021 11:05 AM

Social engineering is not the role of the government and they need to stop interfering and increasing costs for business owners. Mandates like these almost never are effective for producing the desired results. BCPH has already decimated many of our restaurants with their capricious mandates during COVID that were completely ineffective based on the data. Longmont needs to support its businesses instead of making their lives more difficult. The City has greater concerns than this issue besides the diet starts at home where most of these beverages are consumed. Parents are responsible and will have greater impact on their children's diet than a minor manipulation to menus. Education will have a greater impact on the dubious statistics mentioned on the

overview page. Parents should limit the quantity of dietary sugar their kids consume. If BCPH wants to have an impact then it should create an education campaign targeting parents.

  
7/01/2021 11:39 AM

Because it makes sense

  
7/01/2021 02:55 PM

This will be for the betterment of kids' health.

  
7/01/2021 04:16 PM

I absolutely think that restaurants should promote healthy drinks as the first choice, however, I am not in favor of this being mandated. In my opinion, most restaurants do offer healthy choices for children's meals and drinks and that it goes WAY farther just this. For instance, where's the ordinance that says all restaurants must offer allergy free alternatives of gluten free and dairy free options. We as parents and families learn what restaurants do and those are the ones we frequent. As a healthy eater, my family has never opted for the sugary drink on a menu, and always ask for an alternative. Water is ALWAYS an option so that is a moot point.

  
7/01/2021 04:25 PM

Previously I was not in favor of this ordinance. I have received Longmont restaurant information from BCPH and have had a meeting with them. The meeting was very informative and BCPH was receptive to offering local restaurants additional help as needed to change kids meal ordering, including online and mobile app ordering. BCPH also educated me on the legal specifics of how their department operates within the county. I am now satisfied that the proposed ordinance is the correct avenue to take.

[REDACTED]  
7/01/2021 04:35 PM

It is a helpful way to promote the health of young people without eliminating the ability to get a soda or juice if desired. Also, it makes it easier for parents...they don't have to say no to soda when waitstaff mentions it as an option with the kids meal. Just mentioning the healthy options is easy.

[REDACTED]  
7/01/2021 08:55 PM

Frankly it would make it easier on parents to say no to sugary drinks if the kids don't see them all over their menus.

[REDACTED]  
7/02/2021 06:43 AM

Agree it's an important initiative

[REDACTED]  
7/02/2021 08:37 AM

overly intrusive government. Parents can and should teach children good eating habits

[REDACTED]  
7/02/2021 03:15 PM

I believe it should be up to the individual restaurant to decide what beverages are on their menus and how to pair them with meals.

[REDACTED]  
7/02/2021 08:30 PM

Making the healthy choice the easy choice is such a great way for our family to educate our children about loving, respecting, and taking care of their bodies!

[REDACTED]  
7/02/2021 09:16 PM

This seems like a well thought out, civic minded plan.

[REDACTED]  
7/05/2021 10:56 PM

I have kids and try to avoid sugary drinks with them. This helps make that easier.

[REDACTED]  
7/06/2021 12:13 PM

Simple. Sugary drinks do not ADD any nutritional value to children. It damages dental enamel, promotes obesity, etc. simple water is sufficient for everyone

[REDACTED]  
7/06/2021 04:38 PM

I am a physician and the increase in childhood obesity is insidious and has long-lasting effects over a person's lifetime. Prevention is key.



7/06/2021 09:25 PM

Given the levels of childhood obesity in Boulder County, I believe that the initiative is an intelligent default that nudges parents and children into the desirable direction of choosing a drink that is not a sugary beverage while ultimately still allowing families to still choose their preferred drink. It also presents very little effort and no cost on businesses to implement. The City of Longmont will be on the right side of history because I am convinced that sugary beverages will be considered by future generations to be the equivalent of cigarettes with the same confusion on how a completely unnecessary and destructive vice was such a ubiquitous part of the culture. The City of Longmont has the ability to take the lead on an initiative that simply seeks to move its citizens away from an environment in which the temptation to consume unhealthy beverages is ever present.



7/06/2021 10:34 PM

Healthy options for kids



7/06/2021 10:38 PM

It gives kids healthier choices. We need early education about how sugar is affecting our lives.



7/07/2021 03:19 PM

This isn't a ban on anything! It's important to create healthy environments that make water and the norm for meals. It doesn't take away any choice.



7/08/2021 08:04 AM

As a parent of a 7 year old and a 4 year old, I prefer that my children's default beverage at a restaurant is water, so this initiative will help normalize drinking water, even when dining out, for my family.



7/08/2021 01:53 PM

Not the city's proper role

[REDACTED]  
7/12/2021 10:28 AM

This is a good move for the health of our future generations.

[REDACTED]  
7/15/2021 01:04 PM

I still feel that eliminating sugary drinks in kids meals is a worthy goal, but now I don't believe enough is understood about the full impacts to restaurants in Longmont. After discussion with BCPH and reviewing various restaurant ordering mechanisms, I have found that there are more items that need to be investigated and understood about Longmont restaurant kid meal ordering and how to pay for changes to ordering mechanisms. All iOS and Android apps and internet websites for all Longmont restaurants need to be investigated for changes. I also believe either the city or BCPH should pay the cost for changes to printed menus, iOS and Android apps and website online ordering software. The cost per restaurant for these level of changes could be in the \$10s of thousands of dollars per affected application. Until a more comprehensive list of Longmont restaurant impacts is completed, an ordinance should not be considered.

[REDACTED]  
7/15/2021 01:06 PM

I feel it would be better to place a sugar tax in grocery stores to combat this problem rather than put it on restaurants.

[REDACTED]  
7/15/2021 02:45 PM

Child Obesity is too high

[REDACTED]  
7/15/2021 04:59 PM

Less government interference

[REDACTED]  
7/15/2021 06:07 PM

Leave government out of parenting decisions

[REDACTED]  
7/15/2021 07:11 PM

Parents should be responsible for whether or not a specific drink is

healthy for their children. Mandating restaurants to spend money to appease your child health initiative is absurd. The City of Longmont should never pass mandates that shift the responsibility of child health to restaurants. Restaurants should not have to spend money to ensure this mandate is satisfied. Simply, this is not the government's role. Shift the focus to educating parents to know what is healthy or not, but not through forcing restaurants to do their bidding. Haven't small businesses gone through enough from the overreach of Covid19 shutdowns??? This initiative represents the intent of Longmont's city council to force and push big government on its people and businesses. You are overreaching. This is not seattle, this is Longmont CO. Stop reaching into the pockets of small businesses.

 7/15/2021 08:18 PM

You can trust parents to figure out what their kids need. It's not like we let kids choose soda without knowing it's a special treat. You really really need to back off and let parents be in charge of their kids. If you want to decrease obesity, provide more food money for poor kids so their parents can afford healthy food for regular meals. The fast food is not the issue here.

 7/16/2021 01:47 PM

As a pediatrician, I know first hand that building healthy eating habits for children from the youngest of age helps them grow healthy and stay healthy. Beverages are part of the diet and in fact many children "drink" their calories when they consume beverages with added sugar. These extra calories place them at risk for obesity, insulin resistance and a panoply of adverse health effects

down the road. I fully support this ordinance to encourage our children and their family to make healthier beverage choices.

  
7/19/2021 09:01 AM

I believe it will help enable healthy food choices for both children and adults

  
7/19/2021 12:02 PM

We have healthy concepts so it supports our vibe

  
7/20/2021 08:10 AM

Being dictated by the BCHD what drinks to have for kids is not something we align ourselves with. We already choose to have non sugary drinks available.

  
7/20/2021 01:29 PM

Kids cant get fat from going to a restaurant and drinking soda. That is up to the parents.

  
7/21/2021 05:41 AM

It shouldn't be up to council to determine this. While sugary drinks aren't healthy, neither is a hot dog or macaroni. Why choose to focus just on drinks? It's inconsistent and leaves policing it yet another expense for small business as they must re-create menus every time the city determines a new item that isn't good for kids.

  
7/21/2021 08:35 AM

Sugary drinks are contributing to child obesity and the development of chronic conditions at a young age

  
7/21/2021 08:36 AM

Good habits for kids. Healthy habits and less dental cavities

  
7/21/2021 08:36 AM

Promote healthy habits early!

  
7/21/2021 08:39 AM

Defaulting to water or milk instead of soda or juice results in normalizing healthy choices. Limiting sugar intake has beneficial health impacts on individuals and society as a whole



Yes I have always strongly agreed to

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7/21/2021 08:41 AM

always cut down or try and limit surgery drinks on menu's



7/21/2021 08:46 AM

I am a parent and would like healthier choices be presented / given to my child first vs sugary drinks.



7/21/2021 08:51 AM

I think it's easier for parents to encourage healthy habits when those are the ones presented on the menu. If parents want to offer a special treat of a sugary soda, they still have that option.



7/21/2021 08:55 AM

Obesity its increasing in our children



7/21/2021 09:06 AM

I have observed many obese children and it's sad to see them with high sugar drinks. I feel if they can only have milk or water they might drink it more.



7/21/2021 09:20 AM

reducing visibility of sugary beverages and normalizing milk or water improves public health



7/21/2021 09:48 AM

The healthier option should be the default option, but we shouldn't penalize people for having sugary drinks.



7/21/2021 10:29 AM

Dental caries is the #1 preventable childhood disease.



7/21/2021 11:08 AM

To help reduce risk of early childhood caries, obesity and diabetes



7/21/2021 11:12 AM

It is important to have community that supports health habits in one individual health especially kids.



7/21/2021 11:18 AM

Yes, I'm always in favor of adopting a healthier lifestyle for everyone. We are too sedentary and eat horribly as a nation. We must change our habits.



7/21/2021 11:20 AM

I work in the medical system and am in favor of providing greater ease in

making healthy choices for families.



7/21/2021 11:20 AM

Healthier for children



7/21/2021 11:29 AM

I answered yes because I agree that kids should be getting healthier drinks in order to help them grow and have a healthier lifestyle



7/21/2021 11:50 AM

Obesity is a pandemic. Parents will likely make healthier choices if they are more really available.



7/21/2021 12:04 PM

To reduce sugar intake on children and to to help reinforce a preference for water or milk/milk substitutes with no sugar added to promote health protective behaviors.



7/21/2021 12:17 PM

Doctor working in the community, and favor initiative to help with child hood obesity epidemic



7/21/2021 12:19 PM

the impact that this can make for our kids health.



7/21/2021 12:50 PM

I am a dentist who sees the negative impact of sugary drinks on children's teeth and whole bodies all day, every day. This initiative could help parents make healthier choices for their children when eating out and does not seem to harm restaurant owners - seems like a win/win.



7/21/2021 02:23 PM

It's important to keep kids teeth healthy for their overall health.



7/21/2021 05:20 PM

obesity epidemic, opiate epidemic, pandemic- any variable that can be reduced I am in favor of. I am an obese adult. Some people are in the cross-hairs of all 3 of the aforementioned.



7/22/2021 08:21 AM

As a parent of a 2 year old, I want more healthy options for my child when we dine out. I do not permit soda in my home.

[REDACTED]  
7/22/2021 12:04 PM

as a dental hygienist, I see the decay on children's teeth who consumed drinks high in sugar on a regular bases. Reducing the availability will help control the decay rate in the community

[REDACTED]  
7/23/2021 03:29 PM

this would help kids and parents make healthier choices.

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
7/26/2021 05:05 AM

Default Beverages in Children's Meals Policy The American Beverage Association (ABA) and Colorado's leading beverage companies recognize that parents are more than capable of making the food and beverage choices that are best for their families. When it comes to their youngest children, we have repeatedly heard from parents that they believe that water, milk or juice are the best options. It should be up to a parent to decide if their child can have another kind of beverage as part of a meal or snack at home, or when they are out to eat. This is why we are committed to working with our restaurant customers and policymakers across the country who are interested in adopting the following default beverages in children's meals: • Water – Water, sparkling water or flavored water, with no added natural or artificial sweeteners; and/or • Milk – Flavored or unflavored nonfat or low-fat (1 percent) dairy milk or non-dairy beverage that is nutritionally equivalent to fluid milk (i.e. soy milk) in a serving size of 8 ounces or less; and/or • Juice – 100 percent fruit or vegetable juice, or fruit and/or vegetable juice combined with water or carbonated water, with no added natural or artificial sweeteners, in a serving size of 8 ounces or less. This language is consistent with the

“Smart Snacks in Schools” rule that was implemented by the United States Department of Agriculture as part of the “Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010.” Colorado’s beverage companies have long believed it is important to listen to and support parents. That’s why we implemented national School Beverage Guidelines almost a decade ago to remove full-calorie beverages from schools and why our member companies don’t market to children under the age of 12. These actions keep parents in the driver’s seat to decide what’s best for their children. The Colorado Beverage Association and its member companies are committed to offering our consumers choices and we would fully support the above language which allows for a variety of water, milk and 100% fruit/vegetable options. Mary Marchun, Executive Director, Colorado Beverage Association

  
7/26/2021 05:56 PM

It is a great idea to always give parents and children healthy alternatives to sugary drinks.

  
7/26/2021 09:54 PM

We always ,as restaurants owners need to be pro active in our kids health

  
7/27/2021 06:26 AM

I think it’s patronizing to parents making their own choices for their children

  
7/27/2021 02:02 PM

It is a parental responsibility to help children decide what beverage to consume, not the government or business.

  
7/27/2021 02:20 PM

because we need to give healthier choices to our kids not just Junk food and sugary drinks.

  
7/27/2021 09:15 PM

It’s the right thing to do



7/28/2021 03:10 PM

Obesity and health issue are rampant in our society. Sugary and/or artificial sugar beverages are part of this problem. This initiative doesn't ban them but does make parents think twice before ordering them at an extra charge.



7/29/2021 07:49 AM

We support healthy choices.....

**Optional question** (284 response(s), 9 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question

### Q9 | Is there any other information you'd like to share?



6/22/2021 02:55 PM

We should normalize healthier food and drink choices



6/22/2021 06:09 PM

Added sugar contributes to a host of chronic issues such as obesity, diabetes and heart disease



6/22/2021 06:29 PM

No



6/24/2021 11:06 AM

no



6/24/2021 05:36 PM

I don't understand who would NOT be in favor of this!



6/24/2021 05:43 PM

I'm sick of the city council attempting stupid initiative like this with little to no concern for what those of us who live here actually want. Quit wasting your time and our tax money. I've lived here my entire life and every year you seem to go out of your way to do a worse job than the year before.



6/24/2021 05:45 PM

You'll not to create new laws with my tax dollars

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 05:47 PM

There are so many issues facing Longmont, city council should not be focusing time and money on this issue.

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 05:48 PM

This proposal only sets defaults and will be easy to work around if unhealthy options are desired.

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 05:49 PM

Could a decaf tea be available as a default since some kids are lactose intolerant?

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 05:50 PM

As parents we have a right to make a choice for our children. The city should not implement this choice on people

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 05:50 PM

I appreciate the opportunity to participate in this survey. Thank you.

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 05:59 PM

Make it a suggestion to restaurants, not an ordinance. Some PSAs may help, too.

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 06:12 PM

has been tried other places, don't need more controls

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 06:15 PM

Stop allowing special interests - no matter how well-intentioned - to spend citizens' resources (tax dollars) on personal projects. Let the City administrators and the City Council focus on municipal business.

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 06:27 PM

Education is the only way to change the way a person thinks. This initiative would be a waste. You can lead a child to healthy beverages but you can't make them drink. Provide parents with information about moderation, the effects of sugar and of being sure children actively play and at the end of the day they will decide what they allow for their children on their own.

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 06:51 PM

Please stop acting like California, it hasn't served them well.

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6/24/2021 06:53 PM

I very much support this initiative.

██████████  
6/24/2021 06:57 PM

I've said enough . Thank you ..

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6/24/2021 07:10 PM

This is a useless ordinance that will eventually lead to a sugar tax to align with Boulder.

██████████  
6/24/2021 07:24 PM

It is possible to educate our community about healthy diets and the negative effects on health of sugary drinks without government ordinances. An ordinance like would be a waste of local government time and taxpayers' money.

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6/24/2021 07:25 PM

Schools yes, restaurants no.

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6/24/2021 07:51 PM

Please focus on issues that matter and stop wasting time on crap like this!

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6/24/2021 07:56 PM

Read #3.

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6/24/2021 08:24 PM

The initiative would offer support to families and encourage healthy eating out options.

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6/24/2021 09:07 PM

So you know, I am left-leaning - a registered Democrat.

██████████  
6/24/2021 09:13 PM

Use the money for educating parents and children. Then if any money is left inspect restaurants more often for food safety.

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6/24/2021 09:19 PM

thank you for working upon this important issue

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6/24/2021 10:07 PM

No

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6/24/2021 10:34 PM

Government should focus on more important issues.

[REDACTED]  
6/24/2021 11:13 PM

Limited government is better government. This is a waste of government time and resources. Also causes even MORE compliance and cost to the restaurant industry.

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 02:22 AM

Yes do not do this. It is not any of the councils business what parents let their children drink (as long as it's legal)

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 07:10 AM

This is an overreach in my opinion. It is an unnecessary burden on business owners, they have a right to offer what they want. It is my choice as a parent as to what I my children to have when we go out to dinner. It is insulting that I would not know the difference between healthy and unhealthy. I see the City as being an important part of my streets and city services etc not to be in the middle of what is required to be offered on a menu. It's one thing to suggest to them, it's another to make it a requirement.

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 07:14 AM

Please refocus your efforts on controlling the crime, street racing, homelessness and traffic. That is what you were elected to do.

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 07:15 AM

As a parent, I appreciate removing sugar drinks from all menus. Milk and water are just fine.

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 07:29 AM

Water is the healthiest beverage fir humans.

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 07:47 AM

Why are you making things more burdensome on restaurants when

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 08:12 AM

I feel there are much more important issues for the city to deal with like the homeless, affordable housing, and uncontrolled growth and it's affect on infrastructure.

[REDACTED]  
6/25/2021 08:22 AM

Council are not parents, fix the real problems in Longmont

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[REDACTED]

6/25/2021 08:23 AM

Council needs to focus on real issues

[REDACTED]

6/25/2021 09:19 AM

Don't take away my freedom if I am stupid enough to poison my kids. More privately and publicly sponsored education is the answer. That is what hygiene classes in school are for. Inform the people and let them make up their own minds. Government is for our defense and traffic lights, etc. Not for control freaks to regulate my every move.

[REDACTED]

6/25/2021 10:04 AM

The City should not be spending it's time and money on these kinds of issues. I don't appreciate my tax dollars being used this way.

[REDACTED]

6/25/2021 10:14 AM

I certainly did not appreciate the written commentary by city staff, though apparently this is something related to the Youth Committee: A Longmont city staff memo said the Youth Committee's research and social media campaign are focusing on such issues as "the health effects of sugary beverages, targeted marketing by the sugary beverage industry, and ensuing health inequities and structural racism." Conflating issues, apparently, is something encouraged in public education.

[REDACTED]

6/25/2021 10:16 AM

There are much more important challenges for city government to focus on.

[REDACTED]

6/25/2021 10:40 AM

Thanks for proposing this. It's a great idea.

[REDACTED]

6/25/2021 10:48 AM

I think this Engage Longmont site is a good idea. I hope you can get a lot of Longmont citizens to sign on to it, even if they rarely share comments.

[REDACTED]

This is another form of government

6/25/2021 10:56 AM

control going too far.



6/25/2021 11:23 AM

Milk is one of the worst drinks for children it is high in fats unless it is tastless skim, and the lazctose it contains is hard to digest, along with those sugars that promote dental caries



6/25/2021 11:23 AM

We need to look out for one another in community.



6/25/2021 12:43 PM

There are much more important issues city council should be spending time on.



6/25/2021 02:25 PM

We don't need to be regulated by the city council.



6/25/2021 03:26 PM

Parent of two young children in Longmont (6 months and 4 years old); I believe I am capable of selecting the best drink for them without a mandate on the books



6/25/2021 03:28 PM

leave parenting to the parents



6/25/2021 03:30 PM

This is a waste of time, money, and will have no positive effects on the children of the community.



6/25/2021 03:46 PM

City council have more important issues to attend to, not police state items like this!



6/25/2021 03:50 PM

My tax dollars will pay for this, studies and surverys right now. My money will cover the cost of reprinting restaurant menus and training restaurant employees. My money can and should be used for more productive matters. Your salaries come from myself and everyone who pays taxes. I'd appreciate it if you used our money carefully. Obesity is an issue so start with better education programs for both children and parents.

██████████  
6/25/2021 03:56 PM

no

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6/25/2021 04:13 PM

We have urgent issues to address in Longmont, such as increasing homelessness, declining infrastructure, excessive traffic volume, significant levels of property crime, and inadequate city resources for a city of our size. Why should we spend city and county resources on an easily evaded and costly nanny state policy?

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6/25/2021 04:53 PM

City and City Council, please keep out of our personal life's. That is not your role!!

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6/25/2021 04:53 PM

I'm the parent of two boys. I always encourage them to make healthy eating choices. That's part of my job as a parent.

██████████  
6/25/2021 05:15 PM

City Council should stick to items pertinent to the city of Longmont. Not trying to run peoples lives. Parents have brains and are quite capable to decide for their children - whether right or wrong they can make the decision.

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6/25/2021 06:37 PM

Please focus your governing on community issues/improvements, enforcing existing laws rather than ways to regulate or control humans.

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6/25/2021 08:37 PM

Governments job is to support families and married couples with tax breaks so that there are resources available for a parent o stay home to raise the children if they so choose. The government should support the public schools in the areas of teaching good nutrition as well as proper basic finance like balancing a check book and writing a check so that young people do not rely so much on credit.

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I'm a parent of 3 children. The

6/25/2021 08:57 PM

pediatrician talks to us about beverage choices at every visit. The local schools & preschools talk about healthy choices with kids & parents. At this point everyone already knows this.

[REDACTED]

6/25/2021 09:03 PM

This is just another example of government overreach and unnecessary interference with parental rights and over-regulation of businesses. Can't the city find better ways to serve the community?

[REDACTED]

6/25/2021 09:08 PM

Because of COVID some restaurants don't even have print menus now so I don't think a lot of additional money is needed to reprint menus unless they have hard copy menus

[REDACTED]

6/25/2021 10:01 PM

No

[REDACTED]

6/26/2021 06:55 AM

Students in public school get apple juice and chocolate milk offered daily based on Fed guidelines. Focus on legislation that makes a difference!

[REDACTED]

6/26/2021 08:53 AM

My husband's family is very prone to type II diabetes. It is increasingly difficult to see advancement in research or skilled care for people who do not have the disease because of behavioral mistakes. And we know profoundly how it causes other illness and early aging. It is a shame to see people get type II diabetes simply because they didn't eat right or exercise.

[REDACTED]

6/26/2021 08:57 AM

Government needs to stick with what it was intended to do and that is to serve the public - not to dictate to the public.

[REDACTED]

6/26/2021 09:25 AM

City council members, STAY OUT of private citizens' lives. Confine your laws to public safety matters, not your opinions about health.

[REDACTED]  
6/26/2021 11:06 AM

This city council needs to stop with the "fluff", address and start to correct real problems -- homelessness and crime, traffic and lack of enforcement and continual utility rate increases.

[REDACTED]  
6/26/2021 12:04 PM

I believe the obesity issue starts at home, not by having an occasional drink from a restaurant to the point that there needs to be an ordinance. Adults need to make smart shopping choices, stop poisoning the child with dirty foods. No packaged anything should be served. If the city wants to get involved, find a way to teach "healthy eating classes" that give quick affordable recipes that are full of whole foods. Teach good habits. I see so many obese kids and it breaks my heart. Put the money into classes that help educate people on better eating choices.

[REDACTED]  
6/26/2021 12:51 PM

Limit Council decisions to City Business only.

[REDACTED]  
6/26/2021 05:21 PM

No.

[REDACTED]  
6/26/2021 07:39 PM

Defaulting to healthy choices has not diminished childhood obesity in states where this is currently mandated. Sugary beverage sales in NYC have actually increased since their tax went into effect because people are simply buying MORE of the smaller sizes. Restaurants and their offerings are NOT the prime culprit for childhood obesity. Do not take away the power of parents to actually parent their children.

[REDACTED]  
6/27/2021 08:33 AM

Not your business. stay out of parenting and controlling people's lives. Personally, i don't touch sugary drinks. My research and my choice.

[REDACTED]

It's not the city councils jobs to try

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6/27/2021 09:05 AM

and parent kids.

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Not the government's business!

6/27/2021 06:44 PM

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Parent can request changes to restaurant menus. As a nonparent - :- ) - I think these little lessons in not getting your way for kids helps build resilience over time.

6/28/2021 11:32 AM

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Mind your OWN business, run your families lives the way you see fit. Stay out of mine.

6/28/2021 01:35 PM

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"In an effort to...create a more equitable environment" There is already a 100% equitable environment--each individual can equally choose to drink or not drink (or allow their children to drink or not) any given beverage in any given place.

6/28/2021 02:02 PM

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I am appalled that Longmont would even consider such an idea. Guess that shows how much Boulder influence has crept into Longmont. What will be legislated out of our lives next?

6/28/2021 02:19 PM

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Until BHP completes the investigation into all Longmont restaurant kids meal menu information and costs associated with changing menus this ordinance should not move forward.

6/28/2021 03:28 PM

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City Council needs to pay attention and get solutions to the bigger problems that exist in Longmont and not waste time on issues that aren't in their charter.

6/29/2021 09:49 AM

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I am a nurse-practicing nursing for 40+ years.

6/29/2021 10:05 AM

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Many families we know don't have sodas or sweet treats in there home, so when they go out to eat they may

6/29/2021 10:40 AM

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offer it to their children as a special treat. They use this method since it is very controlled and they don't have temptations at home.

██████████  
6/29/2021 05:00 PM

you have no right to tell business owners how to operate there business

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6/29/2021 10:19 PM

Direct your energy to education instead of legislation.

██████████  
6/30/2021 09:53 AM

I assume restaurants will switch out soda for something else, but we should be clear that juice isn't necessarily a healthier alternative. Many juices have just as much sugar as a can of soda.

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6/30/2021 04:17 PM

N/a

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6/30/2021 09:31 PM

Not at this time

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6/30/2021 09:48 PM

I greatly appreciate this effort. I teach elementary school children and I see too many struggles with obesity at a young age as well as a lack of understanding of healthy foods and drinks. I do hope restaurants will be supportive of this initiative. Going out to restaurants would have been so much easier if my child would have only seen a milk or water option on his menu. I also learned that our community youth were a part of this effort. I'm very proud to be in the same community as these amazing young leaders. Great work!

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7/01/2021 10:09 AM

I appreciate that you're not taking away choice (perhaps a child wishes to enjoy a sweet drink on a special occasion) but rather making healthy choices easier/top-of-mind. And I like that restaurants will not be impacted financially, as they've already struggled through the pandemic.

[REDACTED]  
7/01/2021 10:31 AM

Please help families make the healthy choice for their kids.

[REDACTED]  
7/01/2021 11:03 AM

This is good leadership for a healthy community. Thanks.

[REDACTED]  
7/01/2021 04:35 PM

I appreciate this creative solution!

[REDACTED]  
7/02/2021 03:15 PM

While I believe it's the government's position to keep us safe, there is too much meddling in personal choices and lives.

[REDACTED]  
7/06/2021 12:13 PM

There is an increase in OBESITY in children. We as a NATION should start promoting what is HEALTHY eating, at home, schools, restaurants, work places, etc. It starts with all of us not just a few, we should all be in this together, there should not even be a question on this initiative. But then again we live in a free society and that is the beauty of this country. We can share our opinions freely. I hope this initiative passes. Thanks for the opportunity

[REDACTED]  
7/06/2021 10:34 PM

No

[REDACTED]  
7/07/2021 03:19 PM

Many municipalities across the country are taking the step. Longmont should take this step!

[REDACTED]  
7/12/2021 10:28 AM

Customers should know that juices and sodas will still be available, just not the first option shown on the menu.

[REDACTED]  
7/15/2021 07:11 PM

Banning sugary drinks, taxing sugar drinks, mandating restaurants to tell people what is a "healthy choice" is an extreme overreach. Keep the absurd nanny state out of Longmont. It's time to vote for new city council members.

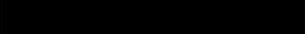
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Low fat milk increases obesity more

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7/15/2021 08:18 PM

than full fat milk does. It's only marginally better than soda or juice, and more likely to cause allergic reactions. Are you sure your "options" and "defaults" are actually going to literally ANYTHING to reduce obesity, or is this just posturing so you can brag you accomplished something? There is zero evidence this action does anything toward fixing obesity. Instead, it's just a showy thing that infringes on parents freedom to choose how to raise their children.

  
7/16/2021 01:47 PM

According to the CDC, the childhood obesity rate for the period 2017-18 was 19.3% for children ages 2-19. Beverages are often a hidden source of calories that come in the form of added sugar (chocolate milk, many fruit juices). I think this ordinance - while not affecting a family or a business owner ability to choose what to purchase/sell, has significant potential to help guide children toward healthier beverages and ultimately healthier lives.

  
7/19/2021 12:02 PM

n/a

  
7/20/2021 01:29 PM

What are you going to do, do that for desserts next?

  
7/21/2021 08:39 AM

Obesity is a silent pandemic, this is one small way to help address this

  
7/21/2021 08:51 AM

I do have a small concern about the financial impact on local restaurants to change their menus. I think this is worth some thought.

  
7/21/2021 08:55 AM

We as parent should set an example of having water with our meals

  
7/21/2021 09:06 AM

I myself do not like to drink water but I only drink water, Bai drinks or S.

Pellegrino throughout the day. I used to love drinking Dr. Pepper or sweet tea and noticed I was gaining weight. If we can teach our kids early enough and practice what we preach it just might stick!

healthcare provider

[REDACTED]  
7/21/2021 09:20 AM

I see where there could be confusion about this, I'm glad it is in bold that it will not prevent soda or sugary drinks to be ordered. Maybe lead with this, I'm sure that's a knee-jerk reaction- people will assume this order is an attempt to dictate what children can and cannot have.

[REDACTED]  
7/21/2021 10:29 AM

I am a Dentist at a community health center in Longmont.

[REDACTED]  
7/21/2021 11:08 AM

N/A

[REDACTED]  
7/21/2021 11:12 AM

Thank you for initiating this proposal!

[REDACTED]  
7/21/2021 11:18 AM

Not at the moment.

[REDACTED]  
7/21/2021 02:23 PM

I never drank sugary drinks, actually. I was overweight as a child and as an adult - my entire life. I do not think it could possibly hurt to move away from any excess caloric sources in our diets.

[REDACTED]  
7/21/2021 05:20 PM

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input and to provide an alternate suggestion for the ordinance.

[REDACTED]  
7/26/2021 05:05 AM

N/A

[REDACTED]  
7/26/2021 09:54 PM

I wish all restaurants had healthier and bETTER FOOD FOR THE KIDS.

[REDACTED]  
7/27/2021 02:20 PM

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It's always chicken nuggets and mac and cheese. like why not a side little salad along with whatever the food option? and offer other things like chicken with rice or fish with rice or something else things like that.

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7/27/2021 09:15 PM

No

██████

7/28/2021 03:10 PM

Obese people tend to become unhealthy overtime. Poor health becomes a liability for society on many levels. The well end up paying for the sick via rising health care costs and taxes.

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7/29/2021 07:49 AM

While I think this initiative is good the ultimate decision falls to parents. So an educational piece added to this certainly would help.

**Optional question** (124 response(s), 169 skipped)

**Question type:** Essay Question