

DISPOSABLE FOODWARE ACCESSORY ORDINANCE FACT SHEET

WHAT IS IT?

DISPOSABLE FOODWARE ACCESSORY ITEMS WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO CUSTOMERS ONLY "UPON REQUEST."



Disposable foodware accessory items include forks, spoons, knives, straws, condiment packets, and other disposable accessory items commonly provided with food.

This amendment does not exempt bioplastic, biodegradable or compostable cutleries because the overall goal is to reduce the amount of waste from disposable foodware accessories distributed with take-out orders.

WHY AN ORDINANCE?

SINGLE-USE PLASTICS AND ACCESSORY ITEMS ARE HARMFUL TO THE ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN HEALTH

- Single-use plastics and unused foodware pollute the environment.
- The production and disposal of single-use plastics increase greenhouse gas emissions, a significant contributor to climate change.



WHO WILL BE AFFECTED?

FOODSERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS THAT USE DISPOSABLE FOODWARE ACCESSORY ITEMS

A food service establishment is any retail establishment that sells prepared food for consumption, including from a restaurant, temporary facility, cart, vehicle, or mobile unit.

HOW WILL MY BUSINESS BE AFFECTED?

IF YOUR BUSINESS USES DISPOSABLE FOODWARE ACCESSORY ITEMS, YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO:

- Provide disposable foodware accessories to customers only when requested.
- Place signs on-premises to inform customers and employees. The City of Beverly Hills will provide signage. If you wish to create your own signs, there are specific guidelines to abide by, which are attached.



 Educate staff to inform customers that disposable foodware accessories are only offered upon request.





WHEN WILL CITY COUNCIL CONSIDER ADOPTING THE ORDINANCE?

ORDINANCE ADOPTION: OCTOBER 26, 2021.
ORDINANCE EFFECTIVE DATE: NOVEMBER 27, 2021.

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