

SUMMARY

REUSABLE FOODWARE AND WASTE REDUCTION ORDINANCE

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The goal of the ordinance is to migrate from disposables to reusables. This draft ordinance:

- * Requires reusable foodware in dine-in restaurants.
- * Switches to take-out foodware by request only.
- * Switches to compostable disposable take-out foodware.
- * Eliminates plastic and polystyrene disposable foodware.

The draft ordinance contains five key features including:

1. Reusable Foodware

- a. Dining In: Reusable foodware (plates, bowls, cups, trays, utensils, etc.) must be used if a customer is dining in at a restaurant.
- b. Take-out: Customers can provide their own foodware for take-out beverage and food service.

2. Disposable Foodware

- a. All takeout disposable foodware (plates, bowls, cups, trays, utensils, etc.) must be made of natural-fiber compostable material.
- b. Must be BPI certified. The Biodegradable Product Institute (BPI) is a third-party testing laboratory that certifies products free of harmful chemicals.
- c. Accessory foodware items shall be provided only upon request by the customer.
- d. Aluminum and glass are allowed.

3. Charges and Discounts

- a. Disposable Cup Charge: A \$0.25 charge for each disposable cup
 - i. Maximum \$1.00 charge per order for all disposables.
- b. Other Disposable Foodware Charge: A \$0.25 per order charge for requested accessory foodware items.
 - i. Includes natural fiber compostable items such as napkins, cup sleeves, stirrers, straws, utensils, as well as condiments.
 - ii. Maximum \$1.00 charge per order for all disposables.
- c. Income: Businesses retain any income generated from these charges.
- d. Exemptions available for Cal Fresh/SNAP and WIC customers.
- e. Reusables Discount: A \$0.25 discount per order for bringing your own foodware.

4. Plastic and Polystyrene

- a. Polystyrene and disposable plastic foodware are not allowed for prepared foods, even for take-out.
- b. Applies to City/County facilities.

5. Plastic Bottles

- a. Plastic beverage bottles are prohibited for events held on City/County property and in City/County vending machines.