

Disposable Food Service Ware Ordinance

October 11, 2021



Background

- The problems with single-use plastics
- Limiting plastic food ware distribution is included in CMAP and 2021 Strategic Plan
- San Mateo County Model Ordinance
- August 23 City Council Meeting Study Session





Ordinance Provisions

Applies to Food Service Providers and any entity that provides prepared food for public consumption, including:

- Restaurants
- Grocery stores
- Cafes
- Farmers' markets
- Private schools
- Healthcare facilities



Ordinance Provisions

Requires certain food ware be non-plastic, fiber based compostable:

- Plates, bowls, cups, clamshells, trays, containers
- Straws, stirrers, utensils, and toothpicks
- Compostable plastics not allowed

Food ware accessories only available:

- Upon request
- Upon acceptance from customer
- Self service area

Governor recently signed AB 1276



**BIODEGRADABLE
PRODUCTS
INSTITUTE**



Ordinance Exceptions

01 Prepackaged food ware

02 Customer with medical
needs
May request plastic straws

03 Healthcare facilities
May distribute plastic straws

04 Drive-through areas
May distribute straws and cup
sleeves without request

05 Aluminum foil food ware

06 Hardship exemption on
case by case basis



Outreach to Food Providers

Sent survey to all 154 food providers and received 27 responses

Common concerns:

- Cost of compostable food ware
- Availability of compostable food ware
- Durability of compostable food ware
- Questions related to specific food ware items
- Public health concerns related to reusable food ware
- Preference for incentives to encourage a willing transition
- Majority of existing inventory would last between 6 months to 1 year

County Support

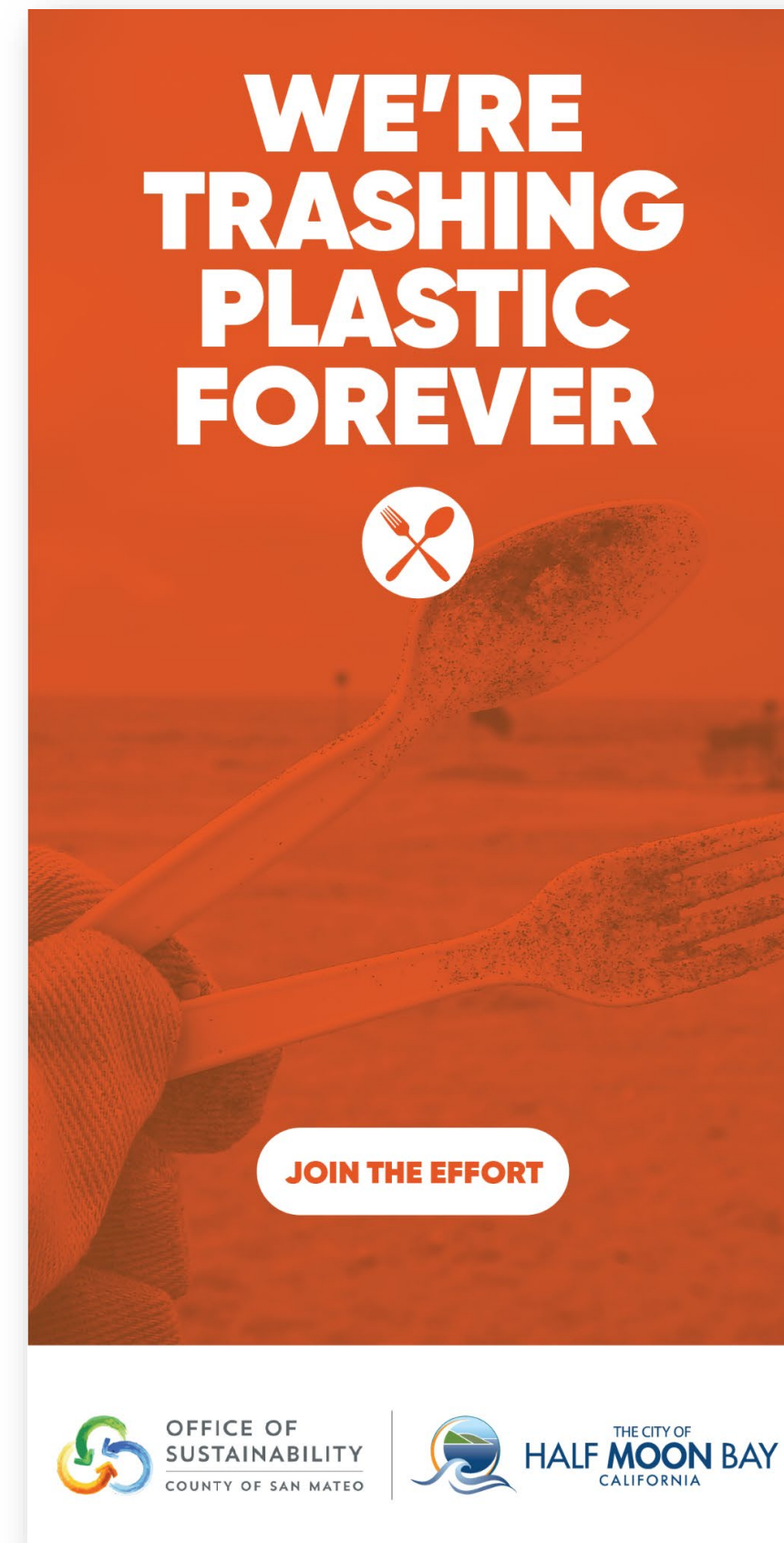
Education and Outreach

- Mailers
- Workshops
- Resource Guide
- List of allowable products
- Print, digital, and radio ads

Technical and financial support

Enforcement

- Complaint based with emphasis on education and support



Ordinance Effective Date

Staff recommends
March 25, 2022
effective date

Jurisdiction	Ordinance Effective Date
Half Moon Bay	July, 2021
County of San Mateo	March, 2022
South San Francisco	
Burlingame	
Atherton	
Belmont	
Millbrae	
Brisbane	
Colma	
San Carlos (proposed)	October, 2022
City of San Mateo	



Next Steps

Pending Ordinance introduction, staff can return at the next Council Meeting for Ordinance adoption and approval of the MOU with the County.

Coordinate with County on education and outreach to food providers.

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Thank You

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