

Disposable Food Service Ware Ordinance

August 23, 2021



Background

The problems with single-use plastics

- Create street litter
- Pollute creeks and San Francisco Bay
- Negative health impacts
- Challenging to recycle



City plans that call for limiting plastics distribution

- 2021 Strategic Plan
- Draft Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Plan

County of San Mateo Model Ordinance



Adopted in February 2020 to:

- Eliminate the unnecessary distribution and use of disposable food service ware that is not reusable or compostable
- Improve the health and safety of community members
- Help keep waterways and beaches clean



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

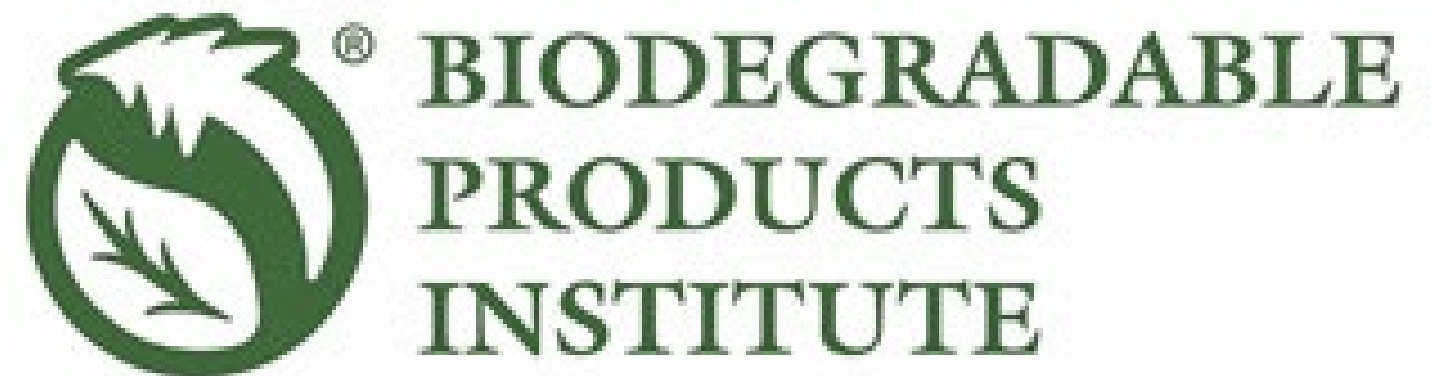


Ordinance Provisions

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

- Plates
- Bowls
- Cups
- Food trays
- Clamshells
- Other containers

Compostable plastics are not allowed



Ordinance Provisions

Food ware accessories:

- Only available upon request, upon acceptance from customer, or at self service area
- Straws, stirrers, utensils, cocktail picks/toothpicks must be non-plastic fiber based compostable





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

County Support

Education and Outreach

- Mailers
- Workshops
- Resource Guide
- List of allowable products

Technical and financial support

Enforcement

- Complaint based with emphasis on education and support



Other San Mateo County Jurisdictions

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



Next Steps

Pending Council's direction, staff can return to Council to introduce the ordinance at a later date.

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Thank You

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