

ORDINANCE No.

Amend Restrictions on Single-Use Plastic Serviceware (Ordinance; amend Code Sections 17.103.300-310)

The City of Portland ordains:

Section 1. The Council finds:

1. State of Oregon bill SB 90 was introduced to restrict single-use plastic straws. A preemption on local government policy has been introduced and is proposed to go into effect January 1, 2020. This unknown impact on City of Portland policy has delayed business notification. Extending the effective date will give businesses more time to adjust to the expectations.
2. Hospitals, schools and restaurants with counter service have a high number of meals served to employee ratios. The concern is that employees in these situations will experience high levels of stress due to responding to every customer request and complaint. Self-service stations for plastic utensils only would alleviate that concern. The City of San Francisco has also allowed this exemption.
3. Compostable or biodegradable plastics do not decompose in waterways or on the ground. Due to misinformed perception, additional clarity around not allowing compostable or biodegradable plastics as viable alternatives is needed to understand what is and is not allowable.
4. Products, like drink boxes, are packaged and sold with a single-use straw. This is outside of a retail food and beverage establishment's sphere of control and is recommended to be exempt. Additionally, products for take-out like salads typically come with a single-use plastic condiment package. In this situation, the dressing is considered an ingredient and is recommended to be exempt from the policy.
5. Vulnerable populations receive meals as a part of a variety of social services. Feeding the hungry should not be impeded by this policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council directs:

- a. Amend Code for Restrictions on Single-use Plastic Serviceware 17.103.300-310 according to Exhibit A.

Passed by the Council:
Mayor Ted Wheeler

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