

City of  
**Gainesville**

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**Zero Waste Subcommittee**  
**Single-Use Accessories Upon Request” Recommendations**  
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# Ordinance Options to Consider to Reduce Single-Use Accessories

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Each option below can be viewed as independent from the other.  
All, some, or none of the options may be selected and/or edited.

# Reducing Single-Use Accessories

## OPTION 1 – Title of Ordinance

Reduction of Litter Pollution From Single-Use Food And Beverage Accessories

or

Reduction of Litter Pollution From Single-Use ~~Food And Beverage~~ Accessories



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## OPTION 2 – Findings

The City of Gainesville finds as follows:

**OPTION 2A:** It is in the interest of the health, safety, and welfare of all who live, work and do business in the City of Gainesville that the amount of litter on public streets, parks, and in other public places be reduced.

**OPTION 2B:** Single-use accessories for food and beverages are frequently provided to customers who don't need them, resulting in unnecessary waste that is costly for local government to manage and often an unnecessary cost to prepared food vendors.

**OPTION 2C:** Single-use accessories for food and beverages significantly contribute to street litter, waterway pollution, wildlife harm, and greenhouse gas emissions.

**OPTION 2D:** The City of Gainesville finds the reduction of single-use food and beverage accessories necessary to achieve its Zero Waste Goal by 2040.

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## OPTION 3 – Definitions (page 1 of 3)

**Single-Use** means designed to be used once and then discarded, and not designed for repeated use and sanitizing.

**Single-Use Food And Beverage Accessory** means all types of single-use items provided alongside **Prepared Food** delivered in single-use plates, containers, or cups, including but not limited to utensils, chopsticks, napkins, portion cups, condiment packets, straws, stirrers, spill plugs, splash sticks, cocktail sticks, cup lids, cup sleeves, cup trays, and any other similar food or beverage accessories designed for a single-use for Prepared Foods.

**Condiment** means relishes, spices, sauces, confections, or seasonings, that **require no additional preparation** and that is used on a food item, including, but not limited to, ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, dipping sauce, fry sauce, sauerkraut, salsa, hot sauce, syrup, jam, jelly, salt, sugar, sugar substitutes, pepper, chile pepper, or chile pepper substitutes.

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## OPTION 3 – Definitions (page 2 of 3)

**Prepared Food** means all food or beverages, which are serviced, packaged, cooked, chopped, sliced, mixed, brewed, frozen, squeezed, poured, or otherwise prepared for individual customers or consumers. Prepared food does not include raw eggs or raw, butchered meats, fish, or poultry sold from a butcher case, a refrigerator case, or similar retail appliance.

**Prepared Food Vendor** means any establishment located within the City of Gainesville selling Prepared Food to be consumed on or off its premises, including restaurants, diners, cafes, grocery stores, delis, bakeries, fast food and carry-out outlets, quick services, farmers markets, food trucks, street vendors, cafeterias, drive-ins, drive-throughs (drive-thrus), walk-ins, food products store, drugstores, theaters, bars, concession stands and other similar establishments.

**Takeout Food** means Prepared Food requiring no further preparation, which generally is purchased to be consumed off the premises of the Prepared Food Vendor and includes Prepared Food ordered in-person, by phone, or through an online food ordering platform. Takeout Food includes Prepared Food carried out by the customer, delivered by a Prepared Food Vendor, or delivered by a company that provides the delivery of Prepared Food to consumers.

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## OPTION 3 – Definitions (page 3 of 3)

**Food Ordering Platform** means any ordering or point of sale platform by which a consumer can place an order for Prepared Food for takeout, pick-up, or delivery, including but not limited to telephone, in-person, online, and other digital or electronic technology. Such platforms include those operated directly by Prepared Food Vendors, companies that provide takeout food to consumers, and online food ordering systems or services that connect consumers to Prepared Food Vendors.

**Reusable Food Service Ware Accessory** means all types of items provided alongside Prepared Food served in durable materials and specifically designed and manufactured to be washed and sanitized and to be used repeatedly over an extended period of time, and are safe for washing and sanitizing according to applicable regulations, including but not limited to plates, bowls, cups, trays, glasses, straws, stirrers, condiment cups, and utensils.

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Select a start date

## OPTION 4 – Available Upon Request & Effective Date

As of [Month Day, Year] Prepared Food Vendors shall not automatically include Condiments and Single-Use Food And Beverage Accessories in a consumer's Prepared Food order for dine-in, take-out, or delivery. Instead, Condiments and Single-Use Food And Beverage Accessories may be available only upon request by the consumer or an affirmative response from the consumer or person being provided the prepared food or beverage; or at self-serve stations.



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## OPTION 5 – Exceptions

**OPTION 5A:** To **prevent spills**, single-use lids and spill plugs may be provided without request on beverages, such as coffee, tea, or soda, for takeout or delivery.

**OPTION 5B:** To prevent spills and injuries, single-use lids, spill plugs, and sleeves may be provided without request on **hot beverages and liquids**, such as coffee, tea, or soup, for takeout or delivery.

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(select only one)

**OPTION 6A:** Same date as ordinance effective date

**OPTION 6B:** Six-months after ordinance effective date

**OPTION 6C:** “Until such time as”

## OPTION 6 – Food Ordering Platforms & Effective Date

Food Ordering Platforms that take Prepared Food orders for pickup by or delivery to consumers in the City of Gainesville are required to provide options on the ordering platform that **enable consumers to choose** which Condiments and Single-Use Food And Beverage Accessories to include with each order. Food Ordering Platforms must provide the Prepared Food Vendor an option or method for listing a customized list of Single-Use Delivery Accessories offered by each Prepared Food Vendor listed on their platform.

[On Day, Month, Year] or [Until such time as] a Prepared Food Vendor customizes its menu with a list of Single-Use Food And Beverage Accessories **or** if the Prepared Food Vendor chooses not to customize its menu with a list of Single-Use Food And Beverage Accessories, then the Food Ordering Platform would be required to post a statement “This restaurant has not listed Single-Use Food And Beverage Accessories on its menu.”

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### OPTION 8 – Encourage Reusable Dispensers

Prepared Food Vendors offering condiments at self-serve stations are **encouraged** to use reusable dispensers rather than pre-packaged disposable condiment packets.



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