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Single-Use Plastics “Foodware Accessories Upon Request” Recommendations

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Reducing Single-Use & Plastic Waste

City of San Francisco

- “As of July 1, 2019, single-use food and beverage accessories must not be included automatically in a customer’s order for dine-in, take-out or delivery. Instead, they may be made available only upon request or in a self-service area. Restricted items include beverage plugs, chopsticks, condiment packages and portion cups, lids, napkins, sleeves, stirrers, utensils.”



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City of Berkeley, CA

- Single Use Foodware and Litter Reduction Ordinance applies to all Prepared Food Vendors, including bakeries, cafeterias, drive-ins, food products stores, food service establishments, drugstores, theaters, bars and other similar establishments that sell Prepared Food to be consumed on or off premises. Ordinance requirements also apply to foodware purchased by the City for use at City facilities and City-sponsored events.
- Effective March 27, 2019, Accessory Disposable Foodware Items shall be provided **only upon request** or at self-serve stations. Accessory Items include: straws, stirrers, napkins, utensils, condiment cups/packets, cup sleeves, tops, lids, spill plugs, and any other similar accessory or accompanying disposable foodware item used as part of food or beverage service or packaging.
- Effective January 1, 2020, Prepared Food Vendors must show a charge of twenty five cents (\$0.25) for every disposable beverage cup provided.



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City & County of Honolulu

- Disposable Food Ware Ordinance affects all food vendors and businesses. Also, restricts the use and sale of polystyrene foam food ware, disposable plastic food ware and disposable plastic service ware. It also dictates when disposable service ware may be provided.
- A food vendor may only provide or distribute disposable service ware for prepared food or beverage:
 - upon request or affirmative response of a customer or person being provided prepared food or beverage, or
 - in a self-service area or dispenser.

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Martin County, CA

- Ordinance applies to all entities selling prepared food to the public in the County, including restaurants, grocery stores and delis, bakeries, carry-out, quick services, farmers markets, food trucks, and any other business with a health permit.
- Food vendors required to provide napkins, cup sleeves, beverage trays, condiment containers, straws, stirrers, splash sticks, cocktail sticks, and toothpicks **only Upon Request** or at self-serve stations.
- Food Vendors and Takeout Food delivery services must provide options for customers to affirmatively request Foodware Accessories separate from orders for food and beverages across all ordering/point of sale platforms, including but not limited to web, smartphone and other digital platforms, telephone, and in-person.

Online Food Delivery Services



#CutOutCutlery

- Default setting for Uber Eats & Postmates is not to deliver accessories (utensils, straws, napkins, etc.).
- There is a box the user can check (opt-in) if they want these items with their order.



Take-out & Delivery Services

Condiments Upon Request

- Many local restaurants and drive-thru establishments already post “condiments upon request”
- Ketchup packets, dipping sauce, etc.



Key Points from Research

- Unable to find any municipality that charges customers extra for foodware items (*beverage cups – yes*)
- We would need to clearly define “Food Vendors”
- We would need to clearly define which single-use food and beverage accessories items would only be available **upon request** or at self-service stations
- We would need to select what terminology to use and be consistent with the use of that terminology (foodware, food ware, service ware, utensils, single-use, etc.)

Recommendation

Option 1

Beverage plug



Upon request only for

- Single-use food and beverage accessories:
 - Utensils
 - Lids
 - Condiment packages & portion cups
 - Napkins
 - Sleeves
 - Beverage Plugs & Stirrers
 - Chopsticks

Recommendation

Option 2

Upon request only for

- Single-use foodware (service ware):
 - Utensils

