



Disposable Food Service Ware Regulations

CITY COUNCIL

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COUNTY OF SAN MATEO: DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE WARE

- Applies to all food facilities – entities that have a valid health permit for distributing food/beverages to the public
- Requires disposable food service ware be compostable
- Requires small accessories to be distributed only “upon request”



ENFORCEMENT

Enforcement Date	Jurisdictions
July 2021	Half Moon Bay
March 2022	Atherton, Belmont, Burlingame, South San Francisco, Unincorporated County
<i>Staff recommendation October 1, 2022</i>	<i>San Mateo</i>

- Optimize the amount of time to test products to comply with the Ordinance
- Allow time for the County to develop resources for food facilities
- Maximize access to County’s technical support to ensure a smooth transition

COUNTY EDUCATION AND ORDINANCE AND IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT

- Direct technical support with food facilities
- Development of resource guide, startup toolkit and collateral
- Hosting webinars and workshops where food facilities and the general public can learn more about the Ordinance

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AND MOU

Proposed Ordinance

- Repeals Chapter 5.89 “Polystyrene-Based Disposable Food Service Ware” and adds Chapter 5.89 “Disposable Food Service Ware”
- Retains the elements of the Polystyrene ban
- Contains each of the provisions of the County Ordinance
- Authorizes the County Manager or designee to enforce the Municipal Code

Memorandum of Understanding

- City must enter into a MOU with the County

RECOMMENDATION

Introduce an Ordinance repealing Chapter 5.89 of the San Mateo Municipal Code and adopting new Chapter 5.89 "Disposable Food Service Ware" to regulate the use of disposable food service ware by food facilities.