

Plastic Reduction Ordinance comparison to Existing Ordinance

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NEW PROPOSED ORDINANCE	EXISTING ORDINANCE
[EXPANDED] Food establishments are prohibited from dispensing prepared food or beverages to any person in disposable food service ware that is not <u>reusable, compostable, or recyclable</u> . This includes a prohibition on <u>foam polystyrene and black plastic takeout containers</u> .	Food establishments are prohibited from dispensing prepared food or beverages to any person in disposable food containers made from <u>foam polystyrene</u> .
[UNHCHANGED] Food establishments are prohibited from dispensing plastic stirrers.	Food establishments are prohibited from dispensing plastic stirrers.
[NEW] Food establishments may not automatically place disposable food service ware such as <u>utensils</u> (forks, knives, spoons, chopsticks) or straws in takeout orders, whether orders are placed online, via phone, or in person. Such utensils and straws may be provided only upon the request of the consumer either directly or in response to an inquiry by the food establishment. Food establishments that separate organics (including compostable food service ware) and have contracted for its pickup may have dispensers for customer selection of compostable utensils and straws. In all cases, such utensils or straws must be compostable or reusable, and may not be prepackaged in sets (not including chopsticks).	N/A
[NEW] Food establishments may not automatically place single use <u>condiment packages</u> in takeout orders, whether orders are placed online, via phone, or in person. Condiment packages may be provided only upon the request of the consumer either directly or in response to an inquiry by the food establishment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, food establishments may offer consumers condiments packaged on-site, such as sauces, in containers that are reusable, compostable, or recyclable.	N/A
[NEW] The sale and distribution of <u>single use plastic water bottles</u> is prohibited in the City of Newton.	N/A

<p>[NEW] The sale or distribution of the following single use plastic items, including items that contain single use plastic, is prohibited in Newton: <u>plastic balloon sticks, plastic floss sticks, plastic ear swabs, and cosmetics containing plastic glitter.</u></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>[NEW] The intentional release of <u>helium filled balloons</u> is prohibited in the City of Newton.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>[EXPANDED] Retail establishments are prohibited from selling or distributing disposable food service ware that is not <u>reusable, compostable, or recyclable</u> to consumers, including those made from foam polystyrene or black plastic.</p>	<p>Retail establishments are prohibited from selling or distributing disposable food containers made from <u>foam polystyrene</u> to customers.</p>
<p>[EXPANDED] Retail establishments are prohibited from selling or distributing packing materials that are not <u>reusable, compostable, or recyclable</u> to consumers, including those made from polystyrene foam.</p>	<p>Retail establishments are prohibited from selling or distributing <u>polystyrene foam packing material</u> to customers.</p>
<p>[NEW] Food establishments shall allow customers to bring their own clean takeout containers to fill themselves in order to take home leftover food from dine-in.</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>[EXPANDED]          No later than January 1, 2024, food establishments shall utilize only reusable dishware and utensils for dine-in customers. Notwithstanding the foregoing, small establishments without the means to wash reusable dishware may request a waiver from the commissioner of health.          No later than January 1, 2024, food establishments must offer an option for customers to have takeout food in reusable containers.          Notwithstanding the foregoing, if there is no viable option for the sourcing and provision of reusable containers, the commissioner of health may extend this requirement annually by one year until such viable options are available.</p>	<p>All food establishments are strongly encouraged to use reusable food service ware in place of using disposable food service ware for all food served on the premises. Food establishments using any disposable food service ware and stirrers are strongly encouraged to use biodegradable, compostable, reusable or recyclable food service ware and stirrers.</p>