



## **NOTICE OF SINGLE USE PLASTICS ORDINANCE FOR FOOD SERVICE PROVIDERS**

July 26, 2021

The City of Vista recently approved a single-use plastics ordinance requiring Food Service Providers to distribute disposable, plasticware items only if requested by the customer, **effective August, 1, 2021**. The ordinance does not prohibit Food Service Providers from informing customers that they may request single-use disposable plasticware with prepared or take-out food.

### **ORDINANCE SUMMARY**

Requires food service providers to give out disposable, plasticware items only upon request from the customer. The full ordinance is available online at [CityofVista.com/SingleUsePlastics](http://CityofVista.com/SingleUsePlastics).

### **DISPOSABLE PLASTICWARE ITEMS DISTRIBUTED UPON REQUEST INCLUDE:**

- Straws, stirrers – *plasticware used for one-time use to drink or mix a beverage*
- Cutlery – *plastic utensils, e.g. fork, spoon, spork, or knife*
- Condiment packages – *salt, pepper, ketchup, other.*

### **FOOD SERVICE PROVIDERS INCLUDE:**

- Restaurants, fast food restaurants, drive-thru services
- Cafés and coffee shops
- Grocery, supermarket, delicatessen, cafeteria, and convenience stores
- Farmers markets or similar fixed place where prepared food is available for consumption

### **OBJECTIVE**

To help in meeting the City's waste reduction and recycling goal of 85% waste diversion by 2030 and to align with the State of California's diversion rate mandate.

### **BACKGROUND**

The ordinance is about reducing plastic use and waste and shifting businesses and consumers to a more reusable mind set. The City Council began discussing "single-use plastics" in March, 2021, and reached out to business owners for their input. On June 22, 2021, the City Council approved Ordinance No. 2021-5 (Vista Municipal Code, 11.04). The goal is to reduce the use of disposable plasticware, with an added benefit of reducing a significant contributor to marine pollution and litter collected from city roadways and beaches.

### **ENFORCEMENT**

Enforcement is currently complaint-based only. Enforcement includes a written notice of noncompliance and an offer of business assistance or other resources to help businesses comply.

### **CONTACT**

City Manager's Office, 760.643.5200 or find information online at [CityofVista.com/SingleUsePlastics](http://CityofVista.com/SingleUsePlastics).