

ORDINANCE NO. .
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO,
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 5 OF CHAPTER 4.107 OF THE SAN MATEO
COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE REGULATING THE USE OF DISPOSABLE FOOD
SERVICE WARE BY FOOD FACILITIES**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California,
ORDAINS as follows:

SECTION 1. Findings.

The Board of Supervisors finds and determines that:

- (a) This Board adopted Ordinance No. 04542 prohibiting the use of polystyrene based disposable food service ware by food vendors in March 2011.
- (b) This Board repealed and replaced County Ordinance No. 04542 with Ordinance No. 04823, also known as the “Disposable Food Service Ware Ordinance,” hereafter referred to as the “Ordinance,” on February 25, 2020. The Ordinance focuses on reducing single-use plastic and other food service ware waste, improving the health and safety of San Mateo County community members, and helping the county keep its waterways clean and safe.
- (c) The Ordinance went into effect in March 2020 for the unincorporated areas, with the mandatory provisions scheduled to become operative and subject to enforcement in March 2021.
- (d) The restaurant industry has been especially hard-hit by the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. Many restaurants and other food facilities in San Mateo County are struggling to stay in operation during these unprecedented times. Many will

continue to experience financial hardship into 2021 as they continue to operate under COVID-19 restrictions.

- (e) Recognizing the unprecedented hardship that restaurants and other food facilities have endured this year and will continue to endure into 2021, this Board wishes to amend Section 5 of Chapter 4.107 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code to extend the operational and enforcement start date of the Ordinance by one year from March 25, 2021 to March 25, 2022.

SECTION 2. Section 5 of Chapter 4.107 of the San Mateo County Ordinance Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Effective Date.

This Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after adoption. However, the mandatory provisions of this Ordinance shall only become operative and subject to enforcement on March 25, 2022.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately from the passage of date thereof.

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