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Disposable Food Service Ware Ordinance Proposed Amendment

February 9, 2021

Disposable Food Service Ware Ordinance

- Purpose
 - Adopted on 2/25/2020
 - Reduce single-use plastic food ware
 - Pervasive pollutant with long-term harmful impacts
- Key Elements
 - Transition from plastic to natural fiber food ware (e.g., paper and sugarcane)
 - Distribute accessories only when needed



Countywide Collaboration

- Developed model ordinance
- County's role in countywide collaboration
 - Lead education and enforcement efforts within cities that adopt
- City adoption
 - 6 cities: South San Francisco, Burlingame, Atherton, Half Moon Bay, Belmont, San Mateo



Proposed Ordinance Amendment

- Extend the operational and enforcement start date
 - Current date: March 25, 2021
 - **Proposed new date: March 25, 2022**
- Restaurants and other food facilities are experiencing unprecedented financial hardship as a result of COVID



COVID Impacts on Restaurants

News

Restaurants shutter, as public health restrictions increase and dining out declines

Gov. Gavin Newsom orders all bars to close, restaurants to cut occupancy by half

FOOD & DRINK

Millbrae Pancake House temporarily closing for 1st time in 60 years due to COVID-19

Bay City News

Saturday, November 28, 2020



Belmont eatery The Van's closes permanently

Historic restaurant to become housing

By Zachary Clark Daily Journal staff Jun 1, 2020 Updated Jun 1, 2020 1



OPERATIONS

33-YEAR-OLD SPECIALTY'S BAKERY-CAFE CHAIN CLOSES

In closing its more than 40 locations, the company said the coronavirus has "decimated" sales.

By Heather Lalley on May 18, 2020

Uncertainties

How long will the economic recovery take???



Still Taking Action

- Food ware accessories distribution efforts
 - Launch volunteer outreach program to help restaurants
 - Work with online food delivery companies to allow customers to proactively ask for accessories



Thank you! Questions?



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