

## Zero Waste Packaging Ordinance Administrative Rules

### City Code Ch. 12, Article VI

Effective January 1, 2019

#### 1. Catering activities

Section 12.202(b) defines food establishments by using the Hennepin County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.3.1. Caterers are included in this definition and are thus required to comply with the ordinance. However, due to the fact that catering is often provided by licensed food establishments from outside the city at event locations that are not normally impacted by the ordinance, the Public Works Division created an administrative rule temporarily exempting catering activities. Most catering activities occurring in the City of St. Louis Park will continue to be temporarily exempt until January 1, 2020. However, catering activities taking place at city-owned facilities where both recycling and organics are available will need to be in compliance.

“Catering activities” means the preparation of food under contract in support of an event such as a reception, party, luncheon, conference, ceremony or trade show.

#### 2. Hospitals and nursing homes

Section 12.203(a)(1) establishes that the activities regulated by the ordinance are those that include selling or conveying at retail. The Public Works Division determined that food and beverage service provided through patient care at hospitals and nursing homes are outside the scope of the ordinance. However, cafeterias and other eateries at hospitals and nursing homes which sell food and/or beverages and are open to staff and guests must be in compliance.

#### 3. Co-location of containers

Section 12.203(b) requires that recycling and/or organics collection is provided for packaging that is used on-site. The Public Works Division has created an administrative rule further defining where these receptacles must be made available.

- a. If garbage receptacles are available to customers “front-of-house,” then recycling and/or organics containers must also be provided for customers in the same location.
- b. If garbage receptacles are not accessible to customers and are instead placed “back-of-house” for use by staff, then recycling and/or organics receptacles are only required at “back-of-house.”

In other words, recycling and/or organics collection containers must be co-located with garbage containers that are available to customers and/or staff for discarded packaging. This includes containers utilized at events where food vendors impacted by the ordinance are present.