St. Louis Park
Chapter 12
Zero Waste Packaging ordinance updates

May 20, 2019
Proposed changes – packaging

• Lids for cups and containers → same category of packaging
  • Compostable packaging needs compostable lids
  • Recyclable packaging needs recyclable lids

• Compostable cups → labeled to indicate compostability
  • Text: “certified compostable,” “commercially compostable” or other such language
    • “Made from plants,” “bio-based” or “biodegradable” → not acceptable on their own
  • Logo: The logo of a third party certification or testing body

Effective date
  • Food trucks: January 1, 2020
  • All others: July 1, 2020
Proposed changes – non-packaging items

• Plastic utensils → no longer an exclusion; single-use utensils must be compostable

• Straws → provided “by request only”
  • Front-of-house dispensers meet requirement

Effective date
• All: January 1, 2020
Proposed changes – collection

• Food trucks at events (temporary) → host organization must provide containers for organics and/or recycling

• Front-of-house bins (permanent) → organics and/or recycling must be co-located with trash
Proposed changes - penalties

• Remove specific fines; include in city’s annual fee schedule resolution