FOODWARE BILLS
AT NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER’S
NON-REUSABLE UTENSIL BILL
INT.NO. 1775-2019

DINE-IN REQUIREMENTS

• Restaurants will supply reusable plates, bowls, utensils, and cups for dine-in meals.

• Restaurants without capacity for dishwashing are exempted from this section.

TAKE OUT REQUIREMENTS

• Utensils and condiment packets are available upon request only.

DELIVERY REQUIREMENTS

• Meal delivery services must provide options to allow customers to request utensils, napkins, or condiment packets when ordering via phone or internet.

• The default option will be that none were requested.

• Restaurants may not include utensils, napkins, or condiment packets in a customer’s order unless they were requested by the customer.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE’S
BEVERAGE CUP BILL
INT.NO. 1416-2019

REQUIREMENTS

• Food service establishments may not refuse a customer who requests for a beverage to be served in a reusable container. There are certain exceptions.

• Establishments must post signs informing customers that they may request beverage service in their own reusable containers.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL’S
STRAWS AND STIRRERS BILL
INT 0936A-2018

REQUIREMENTS

• Food service establishments may provide straws only upon request.

• Bans plastic drink stirrers.
Single-use disposable foodware — like paper and plastic cups, take-out containers, straws, stir-sticks, and paper sleeves — have a major impact on our environment.

180 billion disposable cups are used by Americans each year and 67% of street litter is food and beverage packaging.

Takeout cups and all the items that go with them — lids, sleeves, stir sticks, etc. — comprise 13% of the litter on Bay Area streets.

Plastic foodware — including plates, cups and cutlery — makes up approximately 20,000 tons of New York City’s residential waste stream.

Plastic utensils are virtually impossible to recycle through curbside recycling programs.

Case studies by ReThink Disposable have shown that restaurants can save money by switching to reusable foodware.

ReusableNYC is a coalition of nonprofits and community organizations that unites to eliminate the needless waste and pollution created by single-use foodware — utensils, cups, clamshells, straws, and more.

SINGLE-USE PLASTICS STUDY

Council Member Levine’s single-use plastic bill (Int 1407-A-2019) will require the City to conduct a comprehensive study of new waste policy initiatives that will reduce the sale, distribution and use of single-use-plastic items in New York City.