

**SUBJECT: COUNTY OF MAUI PLASTIC DISPOSABLE FOODWARE ORDINANCE NO. 5084
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION APPLICATION PROCESS AND INFORMATION RESOURCES**

Attention: County of Maui Business and/or Restaurant Owner

The Plastic Disposable Foodware Ordinance No. 5084 took effect on March 1, 2022. This notice provides an overview of applications for exemption and more informational resources.

APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION:

We are accepting applications for Exemption C: No Reasonable Alternatives (including Shipping and/or Supply Delays) and Exemption D: Significant Financial Hardship.

Applications will be considered for EXEMPTION C: NO REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES if:

- Your business serves a food or beverage for which you can find no reasonable alternative to plastic foodware, OR
- You expect that shipping delays and/or supply shortages will affect your ability to comply on March 1, 2022.

Applications will be considered for EXEMPTION D: SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL HARDSHIP if:

- You expect that using an alternative product will cause your business *significant* hardship AND
 - An alternative product costs more than 40% than the plastic foodware item
 - Each location grosses less than \$500,000 per year

Please read through the Ordinance and Administrative Rules carefully. Submitting an application does not guarantee that an exemption will be approved.

The following is the exemption application process:

1. Request an Exemption Application by emailing recycle.mauai@mauicounty.gov
2. Complete all forms and attach supporting documents as instructed on the application
3. Submit your application by email to recycle.mauai@mauicounty.gov
4. Allow up to 12 weeks for evaluation, during which you may be contacted for clarification
5. You will be notified if the Director approved or denied your application.

INFORMATIONAL RESOURCES:

Please find attached a useful presentation that includes an overview of what is and isn't banned, more information about the exemption application process and more.

Please visit www.mauicounty.gov/PlasticFree to access the Ordinance, Administrative Rules, and the attached presentation. Thank you for working together with us for a successful transition towards a Plastic Free Maui County.

Sincerely,

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