

From: [Susan Halpern](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: plastic containers banned in new york state and Rhode Island.
Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2025 11:25:39 AM

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Good morning all,

New York State and Rhode Island both have bans on plastic containers, styrofoam, bags, straws and cutlery items. Connecticut needs to do their part....especially Stamford, where waste containment and removal has gone up 10% per year according to the proposed Comprehensive plan. The population is expected to increase by another 20,000 so we need to be mindful of the environment.

Compostable containers are the way to go. School and hospital plastic wastes must generate some of the most egregious amounts of garbage. Let's do whatever we can to cut down on landfill pollutants.

Please consider passing this plastic ban....it certainly is the prudent thing to do.

Thank you very much,

Sue Halpern RN

30 Elmcroft Rd

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From: thegoudies@optonline.net
To: [BOR_AllReps](#)
Subject: Proposed Ordinance re Sustainability and Single Use Food Ware - constituent statement of support
Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2025 1:03:50 PM
Attachments: [PlasticUtensilBanLGoudie2025.pdf](#)

Dear Board of Reps.

Attached is my submission in support of the proposed ordinance being considered today regarding single-use plastic utensils and food containers.

Thank you for your consideration,

Leslie Goudie

Stamford, CT

District #18

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July 29, 2025

To: The Stamford Board Representatives

Hello, my name is Leslie Goudie and I live in North Stamford. I've been a resident since 2003. First, I'd like to say thank you to all the members of the Board of Reps who have volunteered so much of their time for the betterment of our city. I really appreciate your hard work and dedication.

Regarding the proposed restrictions on single-use plastic, I would like to express my support for this effort to reduce the use of plastics in our consumption and disposal chain. I remember when Stamford switched to single stream recycling and it was a benefit, since it generated an income stream for the city. Plastic in the recycling stream is much less profitable today, so it definitely makes economic sense to try to reduce usage. In addition, single use plastic is wasteful and harmful to the environment, since much of it breaks down into microplastics and these have been found all over the world, including in animals and people.

I would support allowing food vendors to use single use aluminum trays and containers with cardboard lids. Aluminum, while not biodegradable, is 100% recyclable, as opposed to plastic containers, which get turned into things like fleece jackets or other items that eventually break down into microplastics and make their way into the Sound and the ecosystem. In addition, more aluminum in our recycling stream might make it more valuable. I am all for giving food providers more flexibility regarding alternatives to plastic ware.

On the subject of banning black plastic from food containers and utensils, I also support this, because black plastic can be a particular health hazard, since it may contain toxic chemicals dangerous to human health. As I understand it, the proposal appears to exempt catering businesses from the plastic ban, including the black plastic ban. I would support this exemption in general, except as it relates to black plastic. In my limited experience ordering catered food, I've seen it primarily come in large aluminum trays, (suited for keeping warm over low flames). To the extent such businesses need to use plastic, they could still opt for white, clear, or other-colored plastic.

I applaud the Board for considering this proposal, however I encourage you to continue to look at ways we can further reduce plastic usage. If I think about all the plastic utensils, takeout containers, straws and lids a family such as mine uses in a year, the total amount of this type of plastic is MINUSCULE compared to the other discarded plastic from a typical household: empty beverage bottles and milk jugs; yogurt tubs and clamshell fruit/veg containers; detergent bottles, spray dispensers, shampoo and personal care products. Our family tries to reduce our use where possible: we've gone back to old-school bar soap where practical, laundry detergent sheets instead of liquid, eggs in cardboard cartons instead of plastic, etc. However, I find more and more consumer products are in plastic packaging - things like spaghetti sauce, cooking oil or coffee used to come in glass or metal containers and I would try to choose those when I could. These days virtually everything comes in plastic and I get it - it's lighter and cheaper; the manufacturer saves costs on the production and distribution side. But for communities such as ours there is an additional, unmeasured cost that we all incur on the disposal side. I would love to see incentives for both producers to use less plastic and for consumers to choose less plastic.

Again, thank you for taking up this matter.

From: [Melanie Hollas](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#); [Berns, Philip](#); [Boeger, Sean](#); [Blank, David](#); [Cottrell, Megan](#); [Fedeli, Mary Lisa](#); [Matheny, Jennifer](#); [Pierre-Louis, Fred](#); [Sherwood, Nina](#); [Vandervoort, Jessica](#)
Cc: [Camporeale, Karen](#); [de la Cruz, Virgil](#); [Ley, Ashley](#)
Subject: Please Support LR31.091 to move Stamford forward
Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2025 12:11:35 PM

Dear Members of the Legislative and Rules Committee,

I'm in full support of the proposed LR31.091 Ordinance Concerning Sustainability and Regulation of Single-Use Food Ware in Establishments. The ordinance promotes waste reduction, increases composting and encourages the use of reusable throughout the city.

As stated in *Sustainable Stamford: A Plan for Climate Action*, 'Moving Stamford away from the typical single use consumption cycle of goods and materials, to a more sustainable, circular consumption cycle requires ongoing behavioral changes citywide from industry, government, and residents' which LR31.091 addresses. According to Goal 2 in *Sustainable Stamford: A Plan for Climate Action*, the City of Stamford landfills 85,000 tons of waste per year at a cost of \$93/ton. Decreasing waste will decrease the cost to process it and will lower greenhouse gas emissions at the same time. It further states that during the first year of the composting program the city diverted 42,000lbs of food scraps from its waste stream and by year 2, diverted 85,000 lbs with an estimate of 100,000 lbs in year 3. Imagine if the City of Stamford had composting pick-up how much waste could be diverted and the cost savings to the city.

We are a household that has been composting food scraps for many years and think most people would be shocked by how much composting food waste reduces the amount of trash per week. Typically the trash container goes out one time every 2 or 3 weeks. LR31.091 directly addresses the need to establish best practices by requiring a compost study.

Our household is also very cognizant of the amount of plastic we are surrounded by and try not to use single use plastic. We do not order take-out from certain Stamford restaurants because of the black plastic containers the food comes in or the extreme amount of waste with single-use utensils and the stacks of napkins. We do not use single-use plastic utensils. Knowing that most plastic is not recyclable and leeches micro and nano-plastics into the environment and our bodies, has solidified our decision to avoid it.

As the Co-Chair of Pollinator Pathway Stamford, and taking part in numerous volunteer days in Stamford parks, we always find single-use plastic waste. It not only contaminates the environment, our water and health, but wildlife as well who mistakenly eat the shiny plastic thinking it is food, many who suffer intolerable deaths from it.

LR31.091 has been thoughtfully constructed and with the help from Clean Water Action, addresses business owners and BOE school concerns, while Including a Sustainability Fund where the collected fines are deposited for ongoing education and enforcement. It is a forward thinking ordinance that will make the City of Stamford healthier.

I hope you will support LR31.09.

Thank you for your consideration,

Melanie Hollas
Co-Chair Pollinator Pathway Stamford
Chair of the Parks & Recreation Commission

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From: [Shelley Michelson](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Plastics ban
Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2025 1:39:11 PM

Dear Esteemed Board Members,

I am an enthusiastic supporter of the proposed ordinance to ban plastic and single use disposables here in Stamford as a measure to reduce the mounting trash disposal needs in Stamford and importantly, to maximize the health potential of our residents.

The Environmental Working Group (EWG), an environmental safety and testing organization, informs that research has estimated the average adult can ingest up to 12 plastic bags worth of plastic per year.

The phase in period for various items could be made a bit clearer, especially for Stamford Public Schools for which the phase in period seems far too long.

How will merchants be notified and educated about the changes and does the Board want to be specific about the types of sustainability initiatives that will be covered by fines levied and collected?

Finally, I have concerns about enforcement since many types of enforcement actions do not happen. Do we have adequate enforcement personnel and how will they be educated?

All in all, I applaud the sponsors of this ordinance, Representatives Camporeale, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Ley and Berne for their passion and research and hope that it is enacted, perhaps with some tweaks.

All the best,
Shelley Michelson

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From: [Cottrell, Megan](#)
To: [BOR_OfficeStaff](#)
Subject: Fw: In Support of Stamford's Ban on Single-Use Plastics
Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2025 7:34:03 PM

For the legislative record, see below...

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From: Michael Markovits <mjmrkvts@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 29, 2025 12:56:28 PM
To: Cottrell, Megan <MCottrell@StamfordCT.gov>
Subject: In Support of Stamford's Ban on Single-Use Plastics

Testimony in Support of Stamford's Ban on Single-Use Plastics --July 29 Public Hearing

Hello Megan,

I remember interacting with you a few years ago about Stamford's climate emergency resolution.

I'm not able to attend the July 29th Public Hearing so I'm submitting written testimony in support of the ordinance that would ban the sale and distribution of single-use plastic food ware in local food and beverage establishments. This ordinance would require reusable items for dine-in service and biodegradable alternatives for take-out orders, a practical step that will reduce waste, cut emissions, and protect public health.

Plastic pollution doesn't just litter streets and waterways, it contributes to climate change and harms human health. Right now, Stamford pays to haul away recyclables that used to generate revenue, and only 8.9% of what we recycle is actually recycled. This ordinance helps reverse that trend by promoting compostable and reusable alternatives and will establish Stamford as a leader in Connecticut on waste reduction.

I live in downtown Stamford and I'm a frequent diner, both dine-in and take-out, at restaurants on Bedford Street and elsewhere. The passing of this ordinance would only enhance my dining experience.

I wholeheartedly support Stamford's Board of Representatives approving a ban on single-use plastics.

Thank you.

Mike Markovits
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Stamford CT 06901

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From: [Terry Blank](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Banning Single use plastics
Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2025 9:23:47 PM

This ordinance is a practical step toward improving our city's environmental and economic health. Right now, Stamford pays to haul away our recyclables, something we once earned money on, and only 8.9% of what we recycle is actually recycled. By encouraging composting, reusables, and reducing single-use plastics, we can turn waste into value and move closer to a cleaner, more sustainable Stamford.

Terry Blank

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From: [Constanze Dave](#)
To: [BOR AllReps](#)
Subject: Support for Ordinance LR31091
Date: Wednesday, July 30, 2025 9:49:01 AM

To whom it may concern:

As a Stamford resident I am strongly in favor of this ordinance's passing. We have dozens of establishments here that are contributing to degradation of public health, ecological health, and water quality. This would have tremendous impact in improving Stamford's sustainability as directly related to our quality of life.

Thank you for your consideration.

Constanze Dave
34 Davenport Drive
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