



1 3. "COMPOSTABLE" MEANS ALL THE MATERIALS IN THE PRODUCT OR PACKAGE  
2 WILL BREAK DOWN INTO, OR OTHERWISE BECOME PART OF USABLE COMPOST (E.G.,  
3 SOIL-CONDITIONING MATERIAL, MULCH) IN A SAFE AND TIMELY MANNER IN AN  
4 APPROPRIATE COMPOSTING PROGRAM OR FACILITY OR IN A HOME COMPOST PILE OR  
5 DEVICE. COMPOSTABLE DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE WARE INCLUDES, BY WAY OF  
6 EXAMPLE, ASTM STANDARD BIO-PLASTICS (PLASTIC-LIKE PRODUCTS) THAT ARE  
7 CLEARLY LABELED, PREFERABLY WITH A COLOR SYMBOL, SUCH THAT ANY COMPOST  
8 COLLECTOR AND PROCESSOR CAN EASILY DISTINGUISH THE ASTM STANDARD  
9 COMPOSTABLE PLASTIC FROM NON-ASTM STANDARD COMPOSTABLE PLASTIC. FOR THE  
10 PURPOSES OF THIS TITLE THE TERM BIODEGRADABLE SHALL HAVE THE SAME MEAN-  
11 ING AS COMPOSTABLE. THIS TITLE USES THE TERMS BIODEGRADABLE AND COMPOST-  
12 ABLE INTERCHANGEABLY AND IN ALL CASES WHETHER THE TERMS ARE USED SEPA-  
13 RATELY, IN THE DISJUNCTIVE OR IN THE CONJUNCTIVE THEY SHALL ALWAYS BE  
14 INTERPRETED AND APPLIED CONSISTENT WITH THIS DEFINITION OF THE TERM  
15 "COMPOSTABLE".

16 4. "MUNICIPAL CONTRACTORS AND LESSEES" MEANS ANY PERSON OR ENTITY THAT  
17 HAS A CONTRACT WITH THE MUNICIPALITY FOR PUBLIC WORKS OR IMPROVEMENTS TO  
18 BE PERFORMED, FOR A FRANCHISE, CONCESSION OR LEASE OF PROPERTY, FOR  
19 GRANT MONIES OR GOODS AND SERVICES OR SUPPLIES TO BE PURCHASED AT THE  
20 EXPENSE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OR TO BE PAID OUT OF MONIES DEPOSITED IN THE  
21 TREASURY OR OUT OF TRUST MONIES UNDER THE CONTROL OR COLLECTED BY THE  
22 MUNICIPALITY.

23 5. "MUNICIPAL FACILITY" MEANS ANY BUILDING, STRUCTURE OR VEHICLE OWNED  
24 OR OPERATED BY THE MUNICIPALITY.

25 6. "MUNICIPAL FACILITY FOOD PROVIDER" MEANS AN ENTITY THAT PROVIDES,  
26 BUT DOES NOT SELL, PREPARED FOOD IN MUNICIPAL FACILITIES.

27 7. "DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE WARE" MEANS ALL CONTAINERS, BOWLS, PLATES,  
28 TRAYS, CARTONS, CUPS, LIDS, STRAWS, FORKS, SPOONS, KNIVES, NAPKINS AND  
29 OTHER ITEMS THAT ARE DESIGNED FOR ONE-TIME USE FOR PREPARED FOODS,  
30 INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION, SERVICE WARE FOR TAKEOUT FOODS AND/OR  
31 LEFTOVERS FROM PARTIALLY CONSUMED MEALS PREPARED BY FOOD VENDORS. THE  
32 TERM "DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE WARE" DOES NOT INCLUDE ITEMS COMPOSED  
33 ENTIRELY OF ALUMINUM OR POLYSTYRENE FOAM COOLERS AND ICE CHESTS THAT ARE  
34 INTENDED FOR REUSE NOR DOES THIS TERM INCLUDE RECYCLABLE FOOD SERVICE  
35 WARE.

36 8. "FOOD VENDOR" MEANS ANY RESTAURANT OR RETAIL FOOD VENDOR LOCATED OR  
37 OPERATING WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY.

38 9. "MUNICIPALITY" MEANS THE SAME AS SUCH TERM IS DEFINED IN SECTION  
39 27-0501 OF THIS ARTICLE.

40 10. "PERSON" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL, TRUST, FIRM, JOINT STOCK COMPANY,  
41 CORPORATION, INCLUDING A GOVERNMENT CORPORATION, PARTNERSHIP, OR ASSOCI-  
42 ATION.

43 11. "POLYSTYRENE FOAM" MEANS BLOWN POLYSTYRENE AND EXPANDED AND  
44 EXTRUDED FOAMS (SOMETIMES CALLED STYROFOAM TM) WHICH ARE THERMOPLASTIC  
45 PETROCHEMICAL MATERIALS UTILIZING A STYRENE MONOMER AND PROCESSED BY ANY  
46 NUMBER OF TECHNIQUES INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FUSION OF POLYMER  
47 SPHERES (EXPANDABLE BEAD POLYSTYRENE), INJECTION MOLDING, FOAM MOLDING,  
48 AND EXTRUSION-BLOWN MOLDING (EXTRUDED FOAM POLYSTYRENE). POLYSTYRENE  
49 FOAM IS GENERALLY USED TO MAKE CUPS, BOWLS, PLATES, TRAYS, CLAMSHELL  
50 CONTAINERS, MEAT TRAYS AND EGG CARTONS.

51 12. "PREPARED FOOD" MEANS FOOD OR BEVERAGES, WHICH ARE SERVICED, PACK-  
52 AGED, COOKED, CHOPPED, SLICED, MIXED, BREWED, FROZEN, SQUEEZED OR OTHER-  
53 WISE PREPARED (COLLECTIVELY "PREPARED") FOR INDIVIDUAL CUSTOMERS OR  
54 CONSUMERS. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS TITLE, PREPARED FOOD INCLUDES TAKEOUT  
55 FOOD, BUT DOES NOT INCLUDE RAW, BUTCHERED MEATS, FISH AND/OR POULTRY  
56 SOLD FROM A BUTCHER CASE OR SIMILAR RETAIL APPLIANCE.

13. "RECYCLABLE" MEANS MATERIAL THAT CAN BE SORTED, CLEANSED AND RECONSTITUTED USING AVAILABLE RECYCLING COLLECTION PROGRAMS FOR THE PURPOSE OF USING THE ALTERED FORM IN THE MANUFACTURE OF A NEW PRODUCT. RECYCLING DOES NOT INCLUDE BURNING, INCINERATING, CONVERTING, OR OTHERWISE THERMALLY DESTROYING SOLID WASTE.

14. "RESTAURANT" MEANS ANY ESTABLISHMENT LOCATED WITHIN A MUNICIPALITY THAT SELLS PREPARED FOOD FOR CONSUMPTION ON, NEAR, OR OFF ITS PREMISES. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS TITLE, THE TERM INCLUDES A RESTAURANT OPERATING FROM A TEMPORARY FACILITY, CART, VEHICLE OR MOBILE UNIT.

15. "RETAIL FOOD VENDOR" MEANS ANY STORE, SHOP, SALES OUTLET, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, INCLUDING A GROCERY STORE, DELICATESSEN OR RESTAURANT, LOCATED WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY THAT SELLS PREPARED FOOD.

S 27-2203. PROHIBITED DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE WARE.

1. RETAIL FOOD VENDORS SHALL NOT SELL PREPARED FOOD IN DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE WARE THAT CONTAINS POLYSTYRENE FOAM.

2. MUNICIPAL FACILITY FOOD PROVIDERS SHALL NOT PROVIDE PREPARED FOOD IN DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE WARE THAT CONTAINS POLYSTYRENE FOAM.

3. MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS SHALL NOT PURCHASE, ACQUIRE OR USE DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE WARE THAT CONTAINS POLYSTYRENE FOAM.

4. MUNICIPAL CONTRACTORS AND LESSEES SHALL NOT USE DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE WARE THAT CONTAINS POLYSTYRENE FOAM IN MUNICIPAL FACILITIES AND WHILE PERFORMING UNDER A MUNICIPAL CONTRACT OR LEASE.

S 27-2205. REQUIRED COMPOSTABLE OR RECYCLABLE DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE WARE.

1. ALL FOOD VENDORS USING ANY DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE WARE SHALL USE A SUITABLE AFFORDABLE ALTERNATIVE COMPOSTABLE OR RECYCLABLE PRODUCT, UNLESS THERE IS NO SUITABLE AFFORDABLE COMPOSTABLE OR RECYCLABLE PRODUCT AVAILABLE AS DETERMINED BY THE MUNICIPALITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SUBDIVISION. NOT LATER THAN THIRTY DAYS BEFORE THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS TITLE, THE COMMISSIONER SHALL ADOPT A LIST OF AVAILABLE SUITABLE AFFORDABLE COMPOSTABLE OR RECYCLABLE ALTERNATIVES FOR EACH PRODUCT TYPE. THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL REGULARLY UPDATE THE LIST.

2. ALL MUNICIPAL FACILITY FOOD PROVIDERS AND MUNICIPAL DEPARTMENTS USING ANY DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE WARE SHALL USE COMPOSTABLE OR RECYCLABLE DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE WARE UNLESS THERE IS NO AFFORDABLE COMPOSTABLE OR RECYCLABLE PRODUCT AVAILABLE AS DETERMINED BY THE MUNICIPALITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION 27-2203 OF THIS TITLE.

3. MUNICIPAL CONTRACTORS AND LESSEES USING ANY DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE WARE SHALL USE COMPOSTABLE OR RECYCLABLE DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE WARE IN MUNICIPAL FACILITIES AND WHILE PERFORMING UNDER A MUNICIPAL CONTRACT OR LEASE UNLESS THERE IS NO AFFORDABLE COMPOSTABLE OR RECYCLABLE PRODUCT AVAILABLE AS DETERMINED BY THE MUNICIPALITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBDIVISION ONE OF SECTION 27-2203 OF THIS TITLE.

S 27-2207. POWERS OF MUNICIPALITIES.

1. ANY MUNICIPALITY MAY PROMULGATE REGULATIONS, ORDINANCES, OR LAWS TO TAKE ANY AND ALL OTHER REASONABLE ACTIONS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE THIS TITLE.

2. ANY PERSON MAY SEEK A WAIVER FROM THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 27-2205 OF THIS TITLE BY FILING A REQUEST ON A FORM PROVIDED BY THE MUNICIPALITY. THE MUNICIPALITY MAY, CONSISTENT WITH THIS TITLE, WAIVE ANY SPECIFIC REQUIREMENT OF THIS TITLE FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO ONE YEAR IF THE PERSON SEEKING THE WAIVER HAS DEMONSTRATED THAT STRICT APPLICATION OF THE REQUIREMENT WOULD CREATE AN UNDUE HARDSHIP OR PRACTICAL DIFFICULTY NOT GENERALLY APPLICABLE TO OTHER PERSONS IN SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES. THE MUNICIPALITY'S DECISION TO GRANT OR DENY SUCH A WAIVER SHALL BE IN WRITING AND SHALL BE FINAL.

1 3. ALL MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS AND LEASES, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION,  
2 CONTRACTS WITH MUNICIPAL FACILITY FOOD PROVIDERS, SHALL CONTAIN THE  
3 FOLLOWING MINIMUM LANGUAGE: "CONTRACTOR AGREES TO COMPLY FULLY WITH AND  
4 BE BOUND BY ALL OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE FOOD SERVICE WASTE REDUCTION  
5 ACT, AS PROVIDED IN TITLE 22 OF ARTICLE 27 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSER-  
6 VATION LAW, INCLUDING THE REMEDIES PROVIDED, AND IMPLEMENTING GUIDELINES  
7 AND RULES. THE PROVISIONS OF SUCH LAW ARE INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFER-  
8 ENCE AND MADE A PART OF THIS AGREEMENT AS THOUGH FULLY SET FORTH. THIS  
9 PROVISION IS A MATERIAL TERM OF THIS AGREEMENT. BY ENTERING INTO THIS  
10 AGREEMENT, CONTRACTOR AGREES THAT IF IT BREACHES THIS PROVISION, MUNICI-  
11 PALITY WILL SUFFER ACTUAL DAMAGES THAT WILL BE IMPRACTICAL OR EXTREMELY  
12 DIFFICULT TO DETERMINE; FURTHER, CONTRACTOR AGREES THAT THE SUM OF ONE  
13 HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) LIQUIDATED DAMAGES FOR THE FIRST BREACH, TWO  
14 HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$200.00) LIQUIDATED DAMAGES FOR THE SECOND BREACH IN  
15 THE SAME YEAR, AND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) LIQUIDATED DAMAGES FOR  
16 SUBSEQUENT BREACHES IN THE SAME YEAR IS A REASONABLE ESTIMATE OF THE  
17 DAMAGE THAT MUNICIPALITY WILL INCUR BASED ON THE VIOLATION, ESTABLISHED  
18 IN LIGHT OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES EXISTING AT THE TIME THIS AGREEMENT WAS  
19 MADE. SUCH AMOUNTS SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED A PENALTY, BUT RATHER AGREED  
20 MONETARY DAMAGES SUSTAINED BY MUNICIPALITY BECAUSE OF CONTRACTOR'S FAIL-  
21 URE TO COMPLY WITH THIS PROVISION."

22 S 3. The environmental conservation law is amended by adding a new  
23 section 71-2730 to read as follows:

24 S 71-2730. ENFORCEMENT OF SECTIONS 27-2203 AND 27-2205.

25 1. THE MUNICIPALITY SHALL ISSUE A WRITTEN WARNING TO ANY PERSON THE  
26 MUNICIPALITY DETERMINES IS VIOLATING SECTION 27-2203 OR 27-2205 OF THIS  
27 CHAPTER. IF AFTER ISSUING A WRITTEN WARNING OF VIOLATION FROM THE MUNI-  
28 CIPALITY, THE MUNICIPALITY FINDS THAT PERSON CONTINUES TO VIOLATE THE  
29 PROVISIONS OF SECTION 27-2203 OR 27-2205 OF THIS CHAPTER, THE MUNICI-  
30 PALITY MAY IMPOSE THE VARIOUS SANCTIONS PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION.

31 2. ANY PERSON WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 27-2203 OR  
32 27-2205 OF THIS CHAPTER SHALL BE GUILTY OF A VIOLATION. IF CHARGED AS A  
33 VIOLATION, UPON CONVICTION THEREOF, SUCH PERSON SHALL BE PUNISHED FOR  
34 THE FIRST OFFENSE BY A FINE OF NOT MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR A  
35 FIRST VIOLATION; NOT MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR A SECOND  
36 VIOLATION IN THE SAME YEAR AND NOT MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS  
37 FOR EACH SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION IN THE SAME YEAR.

38 3. THE MUNICIPALITY MAY ISSUE AN ADMINISTRATIVE CIVIL LIABILITY CITA-  
39 TION TO SUCH PERSON IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR  
40 THE FIRST VIOLATION, AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR THE  
41 SECOND VIOLATION, AND NOT MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS FOR EACH  
42 SUBSEQUENT VIOLATION AGAINST THE SAME PERSON.

43 S 4. This act shall take effect on the three hundred sixty-fifth day  
44 after it shall have become a law.