

# **The Corporation of the City of Guelph**

## **By-law Number (2025) – 21033**

A by-law to amend By-law Number (2022)-20701, as amended, being a By-law of single-use plastic shopping bags and certain other harmful single-use items within the City of Guelph so as to further the environmental well-being of the City of Guelph.

Whereas the City has enacted By-Law Number (2022)-20701, as amended, for the regulation of single-use items within the City of Guelph (the “Single-Use Items By-law”;

And whereas the City intends to amend the Single-Use Items By-law to require the acceptance of reusable containers for food orders made in-store, and other administrative changes.

### **The Council of The Corporation of the City of Guelph enacts as follows:**

1. By-law number (2022)-20701, as amended, is hereby amended as follows:
  - (1) Section 1.1 is amended to add the following new definitions in correct alphabetical order:

“Reusable Food Container” means foodware, including plates, bowls, boxes, lids, foodtrays, and other like items, that is made from durable materials that is able to withstand repeated washing, sanitizing, rinsing, and use.

“Special events” means a public or private event that has been permitted by the City of Guelph to occur on city property, or a public or private event on private property, and may include civic, provincial, or national celebrations, cultural performances or gatherings, sporting tournaments and a wide range of commercial or corporate functions.
  - (2) To delete the words “(comes into effect March 1, 2025)” from the heading Part 4: Accessory Foodware Item.
  - (3) To delete the words “(comes into effect March 1, 2025)” from the heading Part 5: Reusable Drink Cup.

(4) To add a new Part 5(1) as follows:

**Part 5(1): Reusable Food Containers**

5(1).1 A Business must provide a Reusable Container or accept a Customer's Reusable Food Containers for food orders made **in-store** for food consumed on or off a Business' premises unless served through a window to a customer at a drive-through or purchased for delivery.

5(1).2 A Business must not use a Single-Use Item to make the food in and then transfer the food into the Customer's Reusable Food Container.

5 (1).3 A Business is required to post for awareness **a notice** that they provide a Reusable Container or accept a Customer's clean Reusable Food Container.

5(1).4 Businesses shall not accept a Reusable Food Container that is not: of sound construction, in good repair, of a shape and of material that permits it to be readily cleaned and sanitized, and visibly clean, or otherwise suitable to be used as a Reusable Food Container.

5(1).5 Exemptions from sections 5(1).1, 5(1).2, 5(1).3, and 5(1).4 apply to the following:

- A charitable or non-profit organization,
- A hospital and community care facility, and
- Special events.

5(1).6 The provisions of this Part 5(1) come into force and effect on September 1, 2025.

Enacted by City of Guelph Council this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2025.