



August 1, 2019

TO: Hamden Food Service Establishment Owner/Operators

RE: Town of Hamden's Regulation of Single Use Straws

On February 19, 2019 the Legislative Council of the Town of Hamden approved an ordinance to regulate single-use straws. (Town of Hamden Ordinance Chapter 127: Regulation of Single Use Straws) The purpose of this Ordinance is to prevent litter and to protect the environment. **The ordinance will go into effect on September 14, 2019.**

The ordinance prohibits any business that provides food or beverages in the Town of Hamden to make single-use straws available to its customer except upon customer request. Single use is defined in the ordinance as a product that is designed to be only used one time in its same form by the customer, food vendor or entity. The regulation applies to dine-in customers, take-out food orders, and vendors.

The Town of Hamden has designated QVHD to issue a written warning notice to any establishment for the initial violation with a copy to the Hamden Litter Enforcement Officer. If non-compliance continues the Litter Enforcement Officer will issue a Notice of Violation, followed by a Citation with fines and penalties as allowed in the ordinance if the violation continues.

Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Leslie Balch
Director of Health

CC: Curt Leng Mayor
Sue Gruen, Town Attorney