

Proposed

- The Village of Oak Park wants to **reduce waste associated with single use plastics** in restaurants, schools, and other eating establishments
- The Village will require restaurants to monitor their use of **single use plastics: containers, utensils, straws, and stirrers**
- Restaurants will need to send to the Village all of their invoices for single-use plastic each quarter
- Restaurants will receive a warning and eventually a fine if they don't reduce their single use plastic inventory by more than 50% over one year
- **Straws will be given out to patrons only upon request**

Why

is this being done?

- Single plastic has been shown to pollute the Great Lakes and micro-plastics are appearing in our water supply
- Other cities and restaurants have successfully adopted use of paper straws in 2018
- The Village of Oak Park wants to contribute to the reduction in plastics that are impacting our environment
- The Village wants to recognize the role that restaurants play in helping the environment

How

does it affect you?

- Each quarter you will need to **collect and send any invoices for single-use plastics** containers (Styrofoam, etc.), utensils, stirrers and straws
- **Train front-of-house staff** to hand out straws and other single-use plastics (utensils) only upon request
- **Switching to recyclable or compostable materials** as quickly as possible eliminates the need for reporting

Support for your business

- Village will provide a **list of acceptable alternatives** to single-use plastic containers, utensils, stirrers and straws
- The Village and various agencies will have **awareness campaigns** about single-use plastics through public events and articles in OP/FYI and Wednesday Journal
- Agencies will give **training materials** on single-use plastics and alternatives for restaurant staff, if desired
- **Recognition of progressive businesses** that have significantly reduced their single-use plastics

