

Authority: Infrastructure and Environment Committee
Item IE9.3, adopted as amended, by City of Toronto
Council on December 13, 14, and 15, 2023 and Item
IE13.6, as adopted by City of Toronto Council on May 22
and 23, 2024

City Council voted in favour of this by-law on May 23,
2024

Written approval of this by-law was given by Mayoral
Decision 13-2024 dated May 23, 2024

CITY OF TORONTO

BY-LAW 490-2024

To amend City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 702, Single-Use and Takeaway Items.

Whereas subsection 8(1) of the City of Toronto Act provides the City with the broad authority to provide any service or thing the City considers necessary or desirable for the public; and

Whereas City Council has the authority to pass by-laws for the economic, social and environmental well-being of the City, including respecting climate change;

The Council of the City of Toronto enacts:

1. Former City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 604, Packaging, is repealed.
2. City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 702, Single-Use and Takeaway Items, is amended by:
 - a. amending the definition of “BEVERAGE CUP” in §702-1. to clarify that a cup may also include a lid as follows:

BEVERAGE CUP – A cup designed to serve hot and/or cold beverages, and may include a lid to the cup.
 - b. adding the following definition to §702-1. after “RESUABLE BEVERAGE CUP”:

SINGLE-USE BEVERAGE CUP – A beverage cup that is:

 - A. Designed to be used once and then disposed of as waste; and
 - B. Ordinarily provided at the point of sale for a beverage at a retail business establishment, or, when a beverage is ordered by telephone or internet-based ordering platforms, is retrieved from the retail business establishment by the customer or a delivery service.
 - c. adding a new subsection E. to §702-3. Paper shopping bags., that includes the following exemption provision:

- E. §702-3.B. does not apply to a retail business establishment if a single-use paper shopping bag is being used to carry any goods purchased by a customer and is either:
 - (1) being delivered by the retail business establishment to a customer off the premises of the retail business establishment; or
 - (2) is picked up from the retail business establishment by a third-party delivery service and delivered to a customer off the premises of the retail business establishment.

- d. adding a new subsection E. to §702-5. Reusable beverage cup., that includes the following provision:
 - E. If a retail business establishment sells or provides a beverage in a single-use beverage cup to a customer, they shall post a notice visible to customers at any physical or virtual location stating that the retail business establishment accepts the use of a reusable beverage cup by a customer.

- e. deleting §702-2.B.(2) to remove the restricted event exemption from single-use accessory food item requirement under §702-2.A. and amending §702-2.B as follows:
 - B. §702-2.A. does not apply to retail business establishments that provide or permit the provision of single-use accessory food items to a customer at a City property event.

- f. deleting §702-3.D.(2) to remove the restricted event exemption from single-use paper shopping bag requirement under §702-3.B. and amending §702-3.D. as follows:
 - D. §702-2.B. does not apply to retail business establishments that provide or permit the provision of single-use paper shopping bag to a customer at a City property event.

- 3. This By-law is deemed to have come into force as follows:
 - a. Subsections 2.a., 2.b., and 2.c. shall come into force on May 25, 2024;
 - b. Subsection 2.d. shall come into force on September 1, 2024; and
 - c. Subsections 2.e. and 2.f. shall come into force on January 1, 2025.

Enacted and passed on May 23, 2024.

Frances Nunziata,
Speaker

John D. Elvidge,
City Clerk

(Seal of the City)