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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: Montgomery Township Board of Supervisors Adopts Single-Use Plastic Reduction Ordinance

MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP, PA – On September 26, 2023, the Montgomery Township Board of Supervisors unanimously approved Ordinance No. 23-337, aimed at reducing the use of single-use plastic carry-out bags, plastic straws, and polystyrene containers, such as Styrofoam.

The Single-Use Plastic Reduction Ordinance, Ordinance No. 23-337, will go into effect on April 22, 2024.

The following restrictions will be applied to point-of-sale of retailers, restaurants, and related businesses within Montgomery Township:

- Single-use plastic bags may no longer be given out at point-of-sale.
- Plastic straws can only be given upon a customer's specific request.
- Polystyrene containers like Styrofoam, may no longer be given out.

Businesses may offer alternatives such as reusable bags or paper bags containing a minimum of 40% recycled content, for which they may charge a minimum fee of 10¢ per bag. Exemptions to these rules are detailed within the Ordinance itself, which is available on the Montgomery Township website. Special provisions are made for plastic bags used for milk, produce, meat, and cold products, which are still permitted.

To inform the public, businesses are required to post signage by November 25, 2023, which will be provided by Montgomery Township. Failure to comply with the ordinance will result in penalties ranging from a written warning for the first offense to fines of up to \$200 for repeated offenses within a twelve-month period.

Additional information about this Ordinance is available at MontTwp.org/SUP

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