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Re: Local Law No. 2 of 2019 – Skip the Straw Law
Local Law No. 7 of 2019 – Amendment to Local Law No. 2
Ulster County, State of New York

Dear Restaurant and Food Service Establishment Operator:

Local Law No. 2, known as the “Skip the Straw Law” took effect on October 3, 2019. Local Law No. 7, an amendment to Local Law No. 2, took effect on November 29, 2019.

The laws require that Restaurants and Fast Food Service Establishments provide single-use Plastic Beverage Straws, single-use Plastic Stirrers, and single-use Plastic Cutlery only upon request. Please note that establishments may display single-use condiment packets allowing for a customer to help oneself without a request.

Section 5. Notification Requirement. of Local Law No. 7 requires that a sign be posted in a location easily visible to each customer which states:

“SINGLE -USE PLASTIC BEVERAGE STRAW, SINGLE-USE PLASTIC CUTLERY, SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STIRRERS, AND/OR SINGLE-USE CONDIMENT PACKETS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.”

Items mentioned above that are not offered by the Restaurant or Fast Food Service Establishment shall not be included in the signage.

The Local Laws can be found on the Ulster County Government Website. The link is:
<https://ulstercountyny.gov/legislature/local-laws>

Outreach materials will be available in the future on the Ulster County Government Website at:
<https://ulstercountyny.gov/environment/waste-reduction/skip-the-straw-law>

If there are questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Timothy Rose of this Department at (845) 340-3031 or at tiro@co.ulster.ny.us. We look forward to your continued cooperation in ensuring the health and well-being of the residents of Ulster County.

Sincerely,

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