

To the Mayor and Commissioners:

Rehoboth Beach Homeowners Association and Save Our Lakes Alliance 3 have come together to request that the City of Rehoboth Beach join communities, states, and countries throughout the world and ban single use plastics, including straws, bags, and styrofoam, within the city limits of Rehoboth Beach.

The State of Delaware passed a single use plastics bill in 2019. The Delaware State Chamber of Commerce supported that measure. The law has an implementation date of January, 2021. We ask that the city's implementation date follow that of the State by three to six months, enabling local businesses and restaurants ample time to prepare.

More than 50% of the world's population is now covered by similar bans. More than 50 communities in New Jersey have similar ordinances. The state of New Jersey and the nearby city of Philadelphia currently have more stringent bills under consideration. It's an idea whose time has come.

Rehoboth Beach has the opportunity to be a leader in removing these pollutants from our environment. RBHA and SOLA3 urge you to take it and pass an ordinance banning single use pollutants that harm our natural environment, including our freshwater lakes, the ocean and the bays.

Thank you,

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President, Save Our Lakes Alliance3

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President-elect, Rehoboth Beach Homeowners Association

Attachments

- Overview on plastic pollution
- NJ communities with similar bans
- Ordinances from other communities