

Zero Waste Packaging Ordinance Administrative Rules

City Code Ch. 12, Article VI

Effective January 1, 2026

1. Catering activities

Section 12.202(b) defines food establishments by using the Hennepin County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 3.3.1. Caterers are included in this definition and are thus required to comply with the ordinance. However, due to the fact that catering is often provided by licensed food establishments from outside the city at event locations that are not normally impacted by the ordinance, the public works department created an administrative rule temporarily exempting catering activities.

- Most catering activities occurring in the City of St. Louis Park will continue to be temporarily exempt through December 31, 2026.
- Catering activities taking place at city-owned facilities where both recycling and organics are available will need to be in compliance.

“Catering activities” means the preparation of food under contract in support of an event such as a reception, party, luncheon, conference, ceremony or trade show.