



Application for Single-Use Plastics Waste Compliance Waiver or Exemption Under BMC 9.32

This form is for businesses that wish to apply for a waiver or exemption from the requirements of the City's single-use plastic regulations, as authorized under [Bellingham Municipal Code \(BMC\) 9.32](#).

The grounds for waiver or exemption are limited to those grounds specified in BMC 9.32, as set forth on this form. Specifically: .

1. Businesses can apply for a waiver for on-premise dining establishments that do not have on-site or off-site dishwashing capacity to use compostable service ware instead of durables, provided certain criteria is met (explained below).
2. Businesses can also request an extension for one or more of the specific single-use plastic products listed in [BMC 9.32.030\(A\)](#) if (1) there are not at least two suitable compostable alternatives and/or (2) there are not at least two vendors that make commercially available compostable alternatives to the single-use plastic food service product for which the exemption is being extended.

Waivers and exemptions are good for one calendar year, exempting the business of financial penalties associated with non-compliance of [Bellingham Municipal Code 9.32](#).

The form can be submitted online by filling out the boxes below, or by completing this form and sending it to:

City of Bellingham, Public Works
Attn: Solid Waste Manager
2221 Pacific Street
Bellingham, WA 98229

Establishment:

Contact Name:

Daytime Phone:

Business Address:

Email:

City/State/Zip:

Property Owner(s):

Waiver for on-premise dining establishments without dishwashing capacity:

Request for waiver for on-premise dining establishments that do not have on-site or off-site dishwashing capacity per [BMC 9.32.040\(C\)](#): *(check which reason(s) business has inability to comply and provide a brief explanation.)*

Insurmountable space constraints. *Brief explanation:*

Undue financial hardship. *Brief explanation:*

Other extraordinary circumstance. *Brief explanation:*

*Business must still comply with all requirements of compostable single-use plastic alternatives as stated in [BMC 9.32](#)

Extending an Existing Exemption for certain specified single-use plastic items:

Request for extension of exemption for one or more of the specific single-use plastic food service items item(s) listed in [BMC 9.32.030\(A\)](#).

There are not *at least two suitable and readily commercially available* compostable alternatives for the following single-use plastic items listed in [BMC 9.32.030\(A\)](#):

There are not *at least two vendors that make commercially available* compostable alternatives for the following single-use plastic items listed in BMC 9.32.030(A):

Waivers granted do not absolve establishments from working towards a resolution for compliance with the ordinance. Exemptions and waivers are valid for one-year, annual renewal of waiver or exemption is required, extension is not guaranteed. In situations where durable service ware is waived, compostable alternatives are required as outlined within the ordinance.

I am the owner of the property described above or am authorized by the owner to sign and submit this application. I grant permission for the City staff and agents to enter onto the subject property at any reasonable time to consider the merits of the application and post public notice. I certify under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Washington that the information on this application and all information submitted herewith is true, complete and correct.

Signature by Owner/Applicant: _____

Date: _____