

**RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING THE NEW STATE LAW
THAT PROHIBITS FOOD SERVICE BUSINESSES FROM
PROVIDING SINGLE-USE UTENSILS TO CUSTOMERS UNDER
CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES AND ENCOURAGING TINTON
FALLS RESIDENTS TO REDUCE THEIR USE OF SINGLE-USE
PLASTIC ITEMS**

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey enacted legislation in January 2026 designated as S3195/A5157, sponsored by Assemblywomen Donlan and Peterpaul and others, codified at P.L. 2025, c. 298, which prohibits food service businesses from providing single-use utensils to customers under certain circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the legislation becomes effective on July 20, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council desire to acknowledge their appreciation of the efforts of the Governor and Legislature in taking critical action to limit the use of plastic utensils as an important step to protect our environment and to benefit our economy by encouraging a shift to reusables; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council further desire to encourage residents of Tinton Falls to reduce their use of single-use plastic items, which will have a number of benefits including the protection of marine life, the reduction of microplastics that can be harmful to human health, and lower economic costs by shifting to reusables and cutting down on recycling costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Tinton Falls in the County of Monmouth, State of New Jersey that the Borough acknowledges and appreciates the adoption of S3195/A5157 and encourages our residents to reduce their use of single-use plastic items and shift to reusable items.

Michael J. Nesci, Council President

BOROUGH OF TINTON FALLS COUNCIL

Council Member	Moved	Second	Ayes	Nays	Absent	Abstain
Mr. Alessi						
Ms. Buckley						
Mr. Neis						
Mr. Parikh						
Mr. Nesci						

CERTIFICATION

I, Michelle Hutchinson, Borough Clerk of the Borough of Tinton Falls, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Tinton Falls Borough Council at their meeting held May 5, 2026.

WITNESS, my hand and the seal of the Borough of Tinton Falls this 5th day of May 2026.

Michelle Hutchinson
Borough Clerk