



June 14, 2019

MORA OAK PARK, LLC DBA: MORA ASIAN KITCHEN 201 HARRISON ST OAK PARK ILLINOIS 60304

Dear MORA OAK PARK, LLC:

The Village of Oak Park has joined the international movement to challenge citizens to reduce their impact on the environment by giving up single-use plastics for a month.

With your help, Oak Park's participation in *Plastic Free July* will demonstrate that small changes in behavior locally can reduce the negative impact disposable plastic items like straws and bags are having on our planet.

Your primary role would be to help spread the word about the campaign by displaying tasteful posters and small static-cling window decals provided by the Village. Posting information on your website and social media pages would be appreciated as well. In return, the Village will make sure the community knows you support the program and are an active participant.

Beyond these co-promotion opportunities, we also hope you will consider adopting the following simple practices:

- Don't use polystyrene (aka Styrofoam) containers
- Use reusable tableware for onsite dining
- Distribute plastic straws only upon request
- Provide plastic bags and disposable utensils for to-go orders only when requested
- Educate your staff so they can explain your new approach to plastic use
- Properly recycle and compost whenever you can

Participating in this program may change your practices permanently when you see how much you can save by using fewer single-use plastics that just end up in the trash. But you also may see an increase in customers. Oak Park is a community where citizens view environmental sustainability as a duty and responsibility. Knowing there are businesses that share these outlooks could prove to be a powerful marketing tool.

If you would like to participate, please call 708.358.5778 or email <u>sustainability@oak-park.us</u>. More information on the program is posted online – just visit <u>www.oak-park.us/plasticfreejuly</u>.

Thank you for considering this request.

Sincerely,

Anan Abu-Taleb Mayor