

TOWN OF BROOKLINE



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SECTION 8.39.1 DEFINITIONS

"Menstrual hygiene products" means tampons and sanitary napkins for use in connection with the menstrual cycle.

"Public building restrooms" means restrooms established for use by members of the public (as differentiated from staff restroom facilities).

"Public Building" for the purposes of this by-law means any facility owned or leased by the Town of Brookline that contains restrooms for the general public and over which the Town has care, maintenance, custody, and/or control. This shall include, but not be limited to: Public Libraries, the Town Hall Complex (including the Public Health Bldg), the Public Safety Bldg, Recreational Facilities, and Parks.

"Female-bodied" means any individual who experiences a menstrual cycle.

SECTION 8.39.2 ACCESS TO MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS

The Town of Brookline shall make available and accessible at no charge menstrual hygiene products (tampons and pads/napkins) in its public building restrooms that serve female-bodied members of the public.

SECTION 8.39.3 MANNER OF DISPENSING

Machine dispensers for menstrual hygiene products provided under this by-law shall be chosen in consultation with the Building Department and Department of Public Health, but must comply with ADA and other equity-of-access laws and considerations.

Menstrual hygiene products made available at no charge from an employee, office, or other site in a public building upon in-person request does not constitute compliance with this by-law.

SECTION 8.39.4 GREEN PRODUCTS

Tampons with plastic applicators may not be provided under this by-law.

SECTION 8.39.5 EFFECTIVE DATE

This by-law shall take effect July 1, 2021. It will become effective for the Public Schools of Brookline upon adoption by the Brookline School Committee.