

Culver CITY

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When Are The Workshops?

The following workshops are focused on providing food providers more detailed information about the ban and to share a list of alternative foodware products and their suppliers. You may attend either one:

First:

9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 28, 2017
The Mike Balkman Council Chambers
at City Hall
9770 Culver Boulevard
Culver City, CA 90232

Second:

9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 12, 2017
The Mike Balkman Council Chambers
at City Hall
9770 Culver Boulevard
Culver City, CA 90232



Culver City's Environmental Programs & Operations website contains resources on polystyrene alternatives. Please go to:

www.culvercity.org/polystyreneban

Also available are printed materials to assist in this transition. If you would like a copy of the polystyrene alternatives brochure, poster and catalog please download a copy from the website above or to obtain a hard copy contact the Environmental Programs and Operations Division at

(310) 253-6400

Staff can also assist you with any questions you may have regarding the amendments, implementation, or enforcement of these ordinances.

Thanking you in advance for your attention to this matter.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

9505 West Jefferson Boulevard, Culver City, California 90232



Dear Culver City Business,

The City of Culver City Council has adopted Chapter 11.18, Polystyrene Regulations, to TITLE 11, Business Regulations, of the Culver City Municipal Code (CCMC) in order to mitigate the environmental impacts of polystyrene products.

Details on the new ordinance are provided in this brochure, along with an invitation to attend an upcoming workshop to further explain the ban and to identify alternative foodware products and their suppliers.

All food vendors must comply with CCMC 11.18, Polystyrene Regulations, which mandate that food service ware containers provided to customers not be made from polystyrene. The ban becomes effective on November 8, 2017. Businesses are required to state their agreement to comply with the ordinance on their annual business license renewal application.

What is Polystyrene?

Plastic products come in seven different formulations to meet the rigidity and functionality

needs of a particular use. The Identification Number assigned to polystyrene plastic products is 6. Expanded polystyrene (foam) is used to manufacture foam food containers such as cups, bowls, plates, and clamshell containers in addition to foam coolers that are not encased in other material, meat trays, egg cartons and packing materials. Polystyrene is also used to manufacture hard plastic items (solid) such as cups, straws, lids, cutlery and food containers.



What Does The Ban Exclude?

- The use or sale of meat trays, egg cartons and packing materials.



Do You Want Cutlery?

Food Providers to supply cutlery in take-out orders only upon request.

To Whom Does The Ban Apply?

- All City facilities.
- All City special events that are open to the public to attend, regardless if they are privately produced or City-sponsored.
- All citywide prepared food service providers including restaurants, grocery store deli's, retailers, hotels/motels with restaurants, convenience stores and farmers' markets.
- All citywide retailers (grocery stores, Costco, Target, etc.)

Exemptions:

- All food prepared outside of the City using polystyrene food ware may be delivered and sold by City retailers and food service providers (fruit gift baskets, baked goods, restaurant deliveries from other cities).
- All unprepared food using polystyrene food ware may be sold by City retailers and food service providers (raw meat/fish trays, egg cartons, Cup of Noodles-Ramen).

May a Prepared Food Service Supplier Apply for an Exemption?

Yes. A prepared food service provider may apply for an exemption from the ban due to hardship if they are able to demonstrate:

- That due to their unique circumstances, no reasonable alternatives are available; or
- That compliance would create an undue financial hardship

What is the Penalty for not Complying?

Violators are subject to the penalties and other provisions contained in CCMC Title 1, Chapter §1.01 General Provisions and Chapter §1.02 Administrative Citations. (\$100 fine for the first offense, \$200 for the second and \$500 thereafter.)

When Will the Ban Become Effective?

November 8, 2017

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