



Expanded Polystyrene Regulation FAQ'S



WHAT IS THE NEW REGULATION?

City Ordinance No.18-01 prohibits the sale or use of disposable food containers and other products made of Expanded Polystyrene.

WHAT IS EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE?

Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) is a white, plastic foam, commonly referred to as Styrofoam™, used for disposable food and drink containers such as cups, plates, bowls, trays, and clamshell containers. EPS is also used to make disposable foam ice coolers and packing peanuts for shipping.

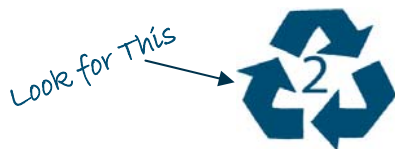
WHY IS EPS NOW REGULATED?

Items made of EPS are not biodegradable, compostable, or recyclable locally. The product can break into small pieces easily, is lightweight and may be picked up by wind or rain water ultimately polluting our streets and waterways.

WHAT ARE THE ALTERNATIVES TO EPS?

Alternate products to EPS include:

- * Uncoated paper
- * Coated paper
- * Cardboard
- * Aluminum foil
- * Any other non-foam (non-EPS), plastic containers with the "chasing arrow" symbol numbers 1-7.



Please consult with your packaging supplier for the alternative that is right for your business.

WHO IS AFFECTED BY THIS NEW ORDINANCE

All businesses in the City of Grover Beach, including: restaurants, bars & pubs, caterers & event organizers, convenience & liquor stores, delis & coffee shops, ice cream & yogurt shops, mobile food vendors, grocery & drug stores, and retail outlets. City-approved and/or sponsored special events within the City of Grover Beach must also comply with the ordinance.

ARE THERE EXEMPTIONS TO THE REGULATION?

Yes, exemptions are provided for certain products and in some circumstances. For additional information regarding exemptions to the Ordinance, please download the EPS Exemption Application, available on the City's website.

WHEN WILL THE ORDINANCE TAKE EFFECT?

The regulation goes into effect on Sunday, **July 22, 2018**. Warnings will be issued through January 1, 2019 and citations may be issued thereafter.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

Additional information is available on the City's website at www.GroverBeach.org or by contacting the Code Compliance office at (805) 473-4523 or via email at:

CodeEnforcement@GroverBeach.org

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