



Polystyrene Foodware Ordinance — Long Beach City Council

April 17, 2018

Single-Use Foodware Items for Proposed Ordinance

EPS food/beverage containers (Prohibited)



Rigid (#6) polystyrene food/beverage containers (Prohibited)



Non-recyclable food & beverage containers (Prohibited)

Composite
plastics (no
number)



Plastic-coated
paper (non-
compostable)

Retail Sales Ban 18 Months after adoption:

Polystyrene ice
chest



Polystyrene
bean bags
and crafts

Straws and
utensils by
request **only**
for take away



Environmentally Acceptable Alternatives

Reusable Foodware

For businesses (in-house)



For the public (Bring Your Own)

Recyclable or Compostable



City Council Approved Approach

<p>Phase 1:</p> <p>3 months after adoption</p> <p><i>City Government</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ City departments ▪ City-owned and leased facilities ▪ Renters or lessees of City properties ▪ City contractors & vendors while doing business with the City ▪ City-sponsored events ▪ City-permitted events 	<p>Phase 2:</p> <p>9 months after adoption</p> <p><i>Food Provider</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Food establishments” that sells food and/or beverage to-go or for on-site consumption. ▪ Restaurants (over 100 seats or franchised), food stands, grocery stores (prepared food only), delis, food trucks, coffee shops, schools (LBUSD) etc. 	<p>Phase 3:</p> <p>18 months after adoption</p> <p><i>Small Food Provider</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ “Small” based on seating 100 or less (per Health Dept. categorization for restaurants & bars) 	<p>Phase 3:</p> <p>18 months after adoption</p> <p>Ban retail sales of polystyrene ice chests, polystyrene bean bags, and crafts; include that utensils and straws are given upon request for take away items</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p><i>Exemptions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To exhaust existing polystyrene inventory ▪ If under contract to purchase banned foodware containers ▪ No reasonable alternatives (case-by-case basis) ▪ Other “undue hardship” as granted by PW Director
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Education

- **Businesses**
 - Educational campaign to support phased-in approach
 - Direct mail to all businesses about ordinance
 - Multilingual print material to support compliance
 - Hotline/website for questions & assistance
- **Public**
 - Promote reusable containers & zero waste
 - Bring Your Own Campaign
 - Promote/encourage residents to bring their own reusable containers



Economic Incentives

- **Incentives for businesses to purchase compliant products before required ordinance timeline**
 - One-time reimbursements available to purchase compliant alternatives
 - “Opt-In” kits for businesses to self-promote participation
- **Opportunities for Bulk Purchasing:**
 - Cooperative purchasing via GreenTown Los Altos
 - Free co-op open to all food service suppliers
 - Participants receive 25% discount on products



Compliance

- **Enforcement integrated into current City operations**
 - ESB hotline/web form for public to report violations
 - Education and compliance integrated into food facility inspections conducted by City Health & Human Services Dept.
 - Regular food facility inspections at least once per year
 - Inspections also at special events (food vendors)
 - Enforcement structure based on administrative citation procedure
 - Procedure for temporary exemption due to undue hardship



Questions?
