



City of Encinitas

July 17, 2017

ADVISORY NOTICE

Dear City of Encinitas Food Provider,

The Encinitas City Council adopted the **Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) Food Service Ware Prohibition Ordinance**, effective December 16, 2016, banning the use of Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) foam food service ware containers in Encinitas. The Ordinance included a six (6) month grace period for all affected establishments to come into compliance with the new regulations, as well as to use up existing EPS inventories.

This grace period ended on Friday, June 16, 2017.

Please be advised that all food providers, as defined in the ordinance, may no longer use EPS food service ware, and alternatives to Expanded Polystyrene must be used instead to assure compliance with the ordinance. Please see the enclosed information regarding this new regulation in the City of Encinitas, prohibiting the use of foam food service ware containers:

- 1) NO FOAM flyer to post in your restaurant to explain to your customers that you are no longer supplying expanded polystyrene (EPS) in your establishment.
- 2) Copy of the Municipal Code for the City of Encinitas prohibiting the use of EPS.
- 3) List of Alternative Vendors for your reference.¹

If your establishment is currently offering EPS food service ware, this notice shall serve as a warning to **immediately discontinue the use EPS in your establishment.**

If your establishment IS NOT currently offering EPS food service ware, thank you for your efforts, and **please complete the enclosed self-certification form** and return it to the City (see form for details).

Sincerely,

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¹ Alternative Product Vendor information is for reference only, and is not an endorsement by the City of Encinitas of any particular vendor. Further, the use of referenced vendors does not constitute nor guarantee compliance with Encinitas Municipal Code Chapter 11.27.