



Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) Regulation

On January 22, 2018, the Grover Beach City Council adopted Ordinance No. 18-01 regulating the use and sale of expanded polystyrene (also known as EPS) products in the City.

The ordinance was adopted in an effort to help protect the City's natural environment. Similar ordinances have been adopted in the Cities of Arroyo Grande, Pismo Beach, Morro Bay, and San Luis Obispo.

REGULATION:

Effective July 22, 2018, Use and sale of Expanded Polystyrene (EPS) products are **prohibited** by businesses within the City of Grover Beach.

All disposable food containers shall be made of biodegradable, compostable or recyclable material.

WHAT IS EPS?:

Expanded Polystyrene is a white, plastic foam commonly 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.

HOW DOES THIS AFFECT MY BUSINESS?:

Restaurants / food providers

The Ordinance prohibits restaurants and food providers from selling or providing prepared food in any disposable food container made from EPS.

Grocery stores / retailers

The Ordinance prohibits the retail sale or use of any EPS product, including cups, plates, bowls, trays, clamshells, coolers, containers, ice chests, shipping boxes, packing peanuts, or other packaging material.

EXEMPTIONS:

The adopted Ordinance provides the following exemptions:

- Foods prepared or packaged outside the City;
- Raw meat, fish and other raw food trays;
- Products made of EPS which are wholly encapsulated or encased by a more durable material, i.e. surfboards, life preservers and craft supplies.
- Construction products made from EPS in compliance with the City's Municipal Code Building Regulations.

In addition, business owners have the ability to apply for a one-time, one year exemption of this regulation by submitting an Exemption Application to the Code Compliance Office, with support documentation, outlining one of the following reasons:

- Undue hardship
- Practical difficulty
- Public health
- Safety requirement
- Medical necessity

WHAT IS THE PENALTY?:

Any violation of this new regulation may result in a penalty as outlined in Article 1 of the Grover Beach Municipal Code.



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FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT:

Code Compliance Office:
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

And how it affects your business

This flyer was developed to assist you in understanding the City of Grover Beach's new **Expanded Polystyrene Products Regulations** and how the new regulation affects your business.

- ⇒ Expanded Polystyrene food containers are now **prohibited**
- ⇒ Food containers **must** be biodegradable, compostable, or made of recycled products
- ⇒ Businesses may not sell or provide products made of Expanded Polystyrene, unless fully encased within a more durable material.



For additional information, please visit the City's website at:

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