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**SUBJECT: EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE WARE BAN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTATION**

Dear South Pasadena Merchant:

On November 16, 2016, the City of South Pasadena City Council unanimously voted to adopt an ordinance to **ban expanded polystyrene (EPS) disposable food service ware** (i.e. foam plates, cups, lids, and trays). These products are sometimes referred to as EPS or Styrofoam™ and may have a #6 resin code on the bottom and are typically white in color. The purpose of the Ordinance is to reduce polystyrene foam food ware in our community and ultimately the watershed and waterways.

From the beginning of the year through November, the City engaged in an educational campaign to allow contractors, business owners, etc., to transition away from EPS to reusable, recyclable, or compostable alternatives. For the month of December 2017, the City will only issue warnings for violations of the Ordinance. Starting **January 1, 2018**, Code Enforcement will begin issuing citations for violations of the Ordinance.

The Ordinance pertains to any food provider or nonprofit food provider that provides prepared food to its customers in disposable food service ware made of EPS; food provider includes but is not limited to: (1) a grocery store, supermarket, restaurant, drive-through, cafe, coffee shop, snack shop, public food market, farmers' market, convenience store, or similar fixed place where prepared food is available for sale on the premises or for take-away consumption; and (2) any mobile store, food vendor, caterer, food truck, vending machine or similar mobile outlet. The Ordinance also applies to city-sponsored events, city co-sponsored events, city-managed concessions and city-permitted events.

The Ordinance also bans the sale of expanded polystyrene, including EPS coolers or ice chests which are not wholly encapsulated or encased within a more durable material.

An Expanded Polystyrene Foam Disposable Food Service Ware Ban FAQ Sheet is attached to this letter and is also available at [www.SouthPasadenaCA.gov/Environmental](http://www.SouthPasadenaCA.gov/Environmental).

You are receiving this letter as your business license information on file with the City indicates that your organization may provide food and/or beverages, or could sell EPS products. If you have any questions or concerns after reviewing the information enclosed in this letter, please feel free to contact the Environmental Programs Division at [jshimmin@southpasadenaca.gov](mailto:jshimmin@southpasadenaca.gov) or (626)403-7311.

