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Please forward for informational purpose and as an agenda item for October 27th Environmental Board meeting

Proposed Resolution Draft limiting polystyrene food service articles at city permitted events and on all city property

Whereas, on (date to be) City Council's intent to maintain and enhance Venice's quality of life, natural beauty and small-sea shore character desires to conserve resources, waste, litter and pollution,  
and

Whereas, an important goal of the City of Venice is to procure and use sustainable products and services to provide stable neighborhoods  
and

Whereas polystyrene form is a light weight material easily blown out of garbage cans and landfills into storm drains and waterways.

Whereas the use of polystyrene form has negative environmental impact including: litter, solid waste and effects on land and sea wildlife. Where half of all litter is unintended and only a third is recycled  
and

Whereas polystyrene form food serving ware is not compatible to recycling while recyclable and biodegradable alternatives are. easily accessible. Where 905 of marine floating debris is plastic.  
and

Whereas Disposable polystyrene is a toxic material that has been associated with certain disabling diseases. In addition one time disposable plastic have an adverse mental effect with a "once used is all done" approach  
and

Whereas, 45% of consumers will choice a food service business using biodegradable or sustainable material and where the value of the positive impact from an overall environmental and quality of life aspect, a shift to reusable, recyclable and biodegradable alternative for food service ware are preferable and will educate the public for personal choices:

Now, therefore the city council of the city of Venice to provide environmental leadership in conserving resources does hereby ordain the following to the municipal code prohibiting the distribution and use of polystyrene single use plastic food service articles by contractors, vendors, non profit organization and individual on city owned property or permitted special events to be effective on May 1,2022:

Therefore

Food Providers shall not provide prepared food in any disposable food service ware that contains or utilizes Polystyrene Foam,

All Disposable food service ware used by food provides shall be reusable and/or recyclable or compostable/biodegradable.

No persons renting a city facility shall use disposable food service ware that contains for utilizes Polystyrene foam in the city facility.

Promoters and participants of city permitted events are prohibited from providing prepared food in any disposable food service ware that contain or utilizes polystyrene foam.

City contractor shall not use disposable food service ware that contains or utilizes polystyrene foam in the performance of City of Venice contracts

The City of Venice encourages all business located within the city limits to avoid using all polystyrene foam products.

Any persons, vendor, contractor or individual that is guilty of an initial infraction will receive a warning notification that will be a

permanent part of the record for further approval for city permitted events. Any persons, vendor, contractor or individual that is guilty of a second infraction will forfeit their right to apply for city permitted events for a six month period. Any persons, vendor, contractor or individual that is guilty of a third violation will permanently lose their right to apply for city permitted events

#### Environmental Definitions:

"City facility" means any building, park structure or any property owned and operated by the City of Venice, its agents, agencies and departments.

"City Contractor" means any person or entity that has a contract with the City of Venice for work or improvement, for a franchise, concession, for grant monies, goods and services, or supplies donated or purchased at city expense.

"Disposable Food Service Ware" means products that are designed for one time use for serving or transporting prepared ready-to-consume food or beverages. This includes but is not limited to plates, cups, bowls trays, cartons and hinged or lidded containers.

"Food Provider" means any licensed vendor located or located or providing food for public consumption and any organization, group or individual which has received a special event permit from the city of Venice allowing the serving of food for the general public

"Person" means an individual, business, event promoter, non-profit, including any government entity.

"Polystyrene Foam" means and includes expanded polystyrene that is a thermoplastic petrochemical material utilizing a styrene monomer and processed by any form of technique including, but not limited to, fusion of polymer spheres, injection molding, and extrusion-blow molding. To include, but not limited to, polystyrene foam plate, bleached paperboard plate with low density polyethylene coating and bleached paperboard plate with coating.

"Recyclable" means any material that can be sorted, cleansed and reconstituted using the City's available recycling collection program for the purpose of using the altered form in the manufacture of a new product.

"Reusable" means materials that will be used more than once in its same form by the customer, food vendor or other reuse program. Reusable ware includes food or beverage containers, package or trays, such as, but not limited to, soft drink bottles that are designed to be returned by the customer. Reusable also includes durable containers, package or trays used on premises, returnable contained brought back to the food vendor and those to be taken home for reuse including all containers, bowls, plates, trays cartons, cups, and other items, including but not limited to durable plastic, ceramic, glass, porcelain and metal food service ware.

"Special event" means any event requiring a City of Venice Event Permit which is held within the City of Venice and at which food and/or drinks are being provided for public consumption.