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Article 45 Bylaw Prohibiting Polystyrene in Food Service Ware



Why?

- Polystyrene is bad stuff.
- We can live without it.

The Bylaw: Key Points

- Prohibits food establishments from providing prepared food in foam polystyrene or rigid polystyrene food service ware.
- Requires food establishments to use biodegradable, compostable, reusable or recyclable food service ware.
- Prohibits retail establishments from selling or distributing foam polystyrene or rigid polystyrene food service ware.

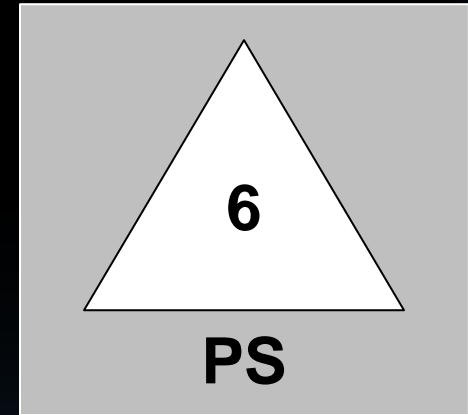
The Bylaw: Enforcement

- Responsibility of the Town Manager or his/her designee.
- Violators subject to minor, non-criminal fine.
- Begins January 1, 2017.

The Bylaw: Exemptions

- Foods prepared or packaged outside of Concord.
- If the Board of Health finds that:
 - A biodegradable, compostable, reusable, or recyclable alternative doesn't exist for a specific application.
 - Imposing the requirements on a specific item or type of disposable food service ware would cause undue hardship.

Polystyrene



- Foam Polystyrene
 - Cups, bowls, plates, trays, “clamshell” containers, meat trays and egg cartons.
- Rigid Polystyrene
 - “Clamshell” containers, clear or colored straws, lids and utensils.

Polystyrene



US Consumption (annual)

- 25 billion foam cups
- 2.3 million tons of polystyrene foam into landfills and waterways
- \$8.1 billion market for cups and lids

Polystyrene

- Hazardous substance.
- Styrene: “reasonably anticipated to be a human carcinogen.”
- Chemicals leach from containers into food when heated.
- Made from fossil fuels.
- Manufacture and disposal requires fuel that contributes to greenhouse gas emissions.
- Kills animals when ingested
- **NEVER biodegrades.**
- **NOT recycled.**

Alternatives Exist

The image displays two overlapping website screenshots. The top screenshot is for Packaging2.O, featuring a navigation menu with 'Home', 'Food Packaging', 'GeoSpring', and 'Custom Packaging'. The bottom screenshot is for Vegware, showing a 'BIODEGRADABLE FOOD PACKAGING' section with various product categories: Utility Trays, Food Trays, Bowls & Cups, Supermarket Trays, Sushi Trays, and Plates & Clamshells. A large world map is visible on the Vegware page with the text 'Where are you? Click on the map to select your default country'. A prominent orange 'Order Now' button is located in the bottom right corner of the Vegware screenshot. The footer of the Vegware page includes sections for Awards, Ecological benefits, Eco audits, and Working with us.

Growing Movement

- Amherst
- Brookline
- Great Barrington
- Nantucket
- Pittsfield
- Somerville
- Williamstown
- Albany
- California (65 cities)
- Florida (6 cities)
- Portland, Maine
- Portland, Oregon
- Seattle

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