



Contra Costa County Public Works Department

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Dear Interested Party,

Contra Costa County is proposing to ban Styrofoam (polystyrene) food and beverage containers in all unincorporated communities. The proposal will be similar to 10 other cities within the County that have already implemented a Styrofoam ban.

A public meeting on the ban will be held on August 12, 2019.

The ordinance banning Styrofoam will be discussed at the County's Transportation, Water and Infrastructure Committee meeting at 9:00 on August 12, at 651 Pine Street, Martinez, in Room 101 on the ground floor. The public is welcome to attend and provide comments at the meeting.

The proposal would ban the use and sale of Styrofoam for all food and beverage containers, such as bowls, plates, cartons, cups, and "clamshell" style food containers. The ban would apply to all businesses that sell food or beverages, such as restaurants, convenience stores, fast food services, etc., or sell food and beverage containers, such as household retail stores. To obtain more information and view the proposed ordinance banning Styrofoam containers, visit the website www.cccounty.us/PolyBan.

The County is proposing to ban Styrofoam to reduce the impact Styrofoam food and beverage containers have on the environment. Styrofoam is not biodegradable and breaks down into smaller and smaller pieces over time, multiplying its detrimental environmental impact.

Comments are welcome! If you have any comments or questions on the proposed Styrofoam ban or ordinance, please e-mail them to cece.sellgren@pw.cccounty.us; mail them to the Contra Costa County Public Works Department, 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez, CA 94553, attention Cece Sellgren; or call Cece Sellgren directly at 925-313-2296.

- 「該縣擬禁止商店和餐館使用聚苯乙烯泡沫塑料製成的食品和飲料容器。如需更多信息（中文），請訪問網站 www.cccounty.us/PolyBan。」（中文）
- El condado está proponiendo prohibir los recipientes de alimentos y bebidas de Styrofoam en tiendas y restaurantes. Para obtener más información en español, visite el sitio Web www.cccounty.us/PolyBan.

Sincerely,

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