



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

December 1, 2008

Dear Food Service Operator:

There is important news affecting how you operate your Newport Beach business. On October 28, 2008, the City of Newport Beach enacted a new law eliminating the use of expanded polystyrene (EPS, often called Styrofoam®) food service ware and take out containers within Newport Beach. **Your business must comply with the new law not later than June 1, 2009.**

The law prohibits the use of expanded polystyrene disposable food service ware by all restaurants and all retail food vendors, including groceries, delis, mini-marts etc. operating within Newport Beach. EPS may not be used for in-house food or drink service, takeout foods and/or leftover food packaging of partially consumed meals.

The City of Newport Beach has prohibited the use of expanded polystyrene at its facilities since 2007. This new law is an extension of the City's efforts to keep expanded polystyrene out of the ocean and off the beaches.

The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of the new law eliminating the use of expanded polystyrene and to provide you with the longest possible lead time both:

- to find alternative food service products, and
- to use up any existing inventory of expanded polystyrene prior to June 1, 2009.

Earth Resource Foundation and the Newport Beach Restaurant Association participated with the City in developing the new law. Both are available to assist you as you look for alternative products. Your own current suppliers may also be good sources.

The Newport Beach Restaurant Association is professionally managed by California Marketing Concepts and may be reached at 949-675-0501. The NBRA also will be putting information on their web site www.newportbeachdining.com The Earth Resource Foundation may be reached at 949-645-5163 or www.earthresource.org

A copy of Ordinance 2008-17 (the law) may be obtained either on-line at www.city.newport-beach.ca.us under Minutes & Agendas/ Council Ordinances (1906-present)/ 2008, or by calling the City Clerk at 949-644-3005. Questions regarding enforcement, including extreme hardship appeals, may be directed to the City at 949-644-3225, request Leigh DeSantis or Katie Bowden.

Thank you for supporting the City of Newport Beach.

Sincerely,


Sharon Z. Wood
Assistant City Manager