

Legislation Text

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P.H. 2017-82: (PUBLIC HEARING 2ND READING)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 96, "HEALTH AND SAFETY," BY CREATING SECTION 96.61, "STYROFOAM/POLYSTYRENE FOOD SERVICE ARTICLES," PROVIDING FOR PROHIBITIONS REGARDING SALE OR USE OF EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE FOOD SERVICE ARTICLES BY CITY CONTRACTORS AND SPECIAL EVENT PERMITTEES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

(Fiscal Impact: N/A)

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Summary Explanation/Background:

Expanded polystyrene, a petroleum by-product commonly known as Styrofoam, is neither readily recyclable nor biodegradable and takes hundreds to thousands of years to degrade in the environment. It is a common pollutant, which fragments into smaller, non-biodegradable pieces that are ingested by marine life and other wildlife, thus harming or killing them. The City's goals are to reduce the use of expanded polystyrene by City contractors and special event permittees and encourage the use of reusable, recyclable, or compostable alternatives. The attached Ordinance banning the use of polystyrene food service products, if passed, will become effective upon approval.

Origin of request for this action: City Manager

Fiscal impact and source of funding: N/A