

ORDINANCE NO. 286 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MALIBU AMENDING CHAPTER 9.24 OF THE MALIBU MUNICIPAL CODE BANNING EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE FOOD PACKAGING AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 276

The City Council of the City of Malibu does ordain as follows:

Section 1. Title 9, Chapter 9.24 of the Malibu Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Chapter 9.24 Ban on Expanded Polystyrene Food Packaging”

Section 9.24.010 Definitions

For purposes of this chapter, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

“Customer” means any person obtaining food or beverages from a restaurant or retail food vendor.

“Expanded Polystyrene” means and includes blown polystyrene and expanded and extruded foams (sometimes incorrectly called Styrofoam®, a Dow Chemical Co. trademarked form of polystyrene foam insulation) which are thermoplastic petrochemical materials utilizing a styrene monomer and processed by any number of techniques including, but not limited to, fusion of polymer spheres (expandable bead polystyrene), injection molding, foam molding, and extrusion-blow molding (extruded foam polystyrene). Expanded Polystyrene is generally used to make cups, bowls, plates, trays, clamshell containers, meat trays and egg cartons. For the purposes of this chapter, the term “polystyrene” shall not include clear polystyrene known as “oriented polystyrene.”

“Food Packager” means any person, located within the City of Malibu, who places meat, eggs, baked products, or other food in packaging materials for the purpose of retail sale of those products.

“Food Packaging” means all bags, sacks, wrapping, containers, bowls, plates, trays, cartons, cups, straws and lids which are made from Expanded Polystyrene, on or in which any foods or beverages are placed or packaged on a restaurant’s or retail food vendor’s premises.

“Food Vendor” means any restaurant or retail food vendor.

“Non-Profit Food Provider” means a recognized tax exempt organization which provides food as a part of its services.

“Person” means any natural person, firm, corporation, partnership, or other organization or group however organized.

“Prepared Food” means food or beverages which are served on the Food Vendor's premises and are prepared on the Food Vendor's premises or within the City of Malibu by packaging, cooking, chopping, slicing, mixing, brewing, freezing or squeezing. Prepared Food does not include any uncooked meat or eggs. Prepared Food may be eaten either on or off the premises.

“Restaurant” means any establishment located within the City of Malibu, selling Prepared Food to be eaten by customers. Restaurant includes a sidewalk food vendor.

“Retail Food Vendor”, “Vendor” means any store, shop, sales outlet or other establishment, including a

grocery store or a delicatessen, located within the City of Malibu, which provides Prepared Food.

9.24.020 Food Packaging Prohibitions.

A. No Restaurant, Food Packager, Retail Food Vendor, Vendor or Non-Profit Food Provider shall provide Prepared Food to its customers in any Food Packaging that utilizes Expanded Polystyrene.

B. The City of Malibu shall prohibit the use of Expanded Polystyrene Food Packaging at all City facilities. The City of Malibu shall not purchase or acquire Expanded Polystyrene Food Packaging.

C. The use or distribution of Expanded Polystyrene Food Packaging at special events sponsored or co-sponsored by the City of Malibu shall be prohibited. This prohibition shall apply to the event organizers, agents of the event organizers, event Food Vendors and any other party (including non-profit organizations) who enter into an agreement with one or more of the co-sponsors of the event to sell Prepared Food at the event or otherwise provide an event-related service.

D. All facility rental agreements for any City-owned property or facility shall include a provision requiring contracting parties to assume responsibility for preventing the utilization and/or distribution of Expanded Polystyrene Food Packaging at the associated function. The facility rental agreement shall indicate that the violating contractor's security deposit will be forfeited if the Parks and Recreation Director, or his/her designee, determines that Expanded Polystyrene Food Packaging was utilized in violation of the rental agreement.

9.24.030 Exceptions.

A. Food items packaged outside the boundaries of the City of Malibu are exempt from the provisions of this chapter.

B. The City Council, or its appointee, may exempt a Food Vendor, Food Packager or Non-Profit Food Provider from the requirements of this Code for a one year period, upon showing by the applicant that the conditions of this Code would cause undue hardship. The phrase undue hardship, shall be construed to include, but not be limited to:

1. Situations where there are no acceptable alternatives to Expanded Polystyrene Food Packaging for reasons which are unique to the Vendor, Packager or Non-Profit Provider;
2. Situations where compliance with the requirements of this Code would deprive a person of a legally protected right.

C. Coolers and ice chests made of Expanded Polystyrene are exempt from the provisions of this chapter.

D. Food Packaging required to be purchased under a contract entered into one year prior to the effective date of this chapter is exempt from the provisions of this chapter. This exemption will apply up to one year from the effective date of this chapter.

9.24.040 Enforcement and Notice of Violations.

A. The City Manager or his/her designee shall have primary responsibility for enforcement of this

chapter. The City Manager or his/her designee is authorized to promulgate regulations and to take any and all other actions reasonable and necessary to enforce this chapter, including, but not limited to, inspecting any Vendor's premises to verify compliance.

B. Anyone violating or failing to comply with any of the requirements of this chapter shall be guilty of an infraction punishable pursuant to City of Malibu Municipal Code Chapter [X].

C. The City Attorney may seek legal, injunctive, or other equitable relief to enforce this chapter.

D. The remedies and penalties provided in this section are cumulative and not exclusive of one another.

9.24.050 Severability.

If any part or provision of this Code or the application thereof to any person or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of the Code, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, provisions of this Code are severable.

Section 2. The City Council hereby repeals Ordinance No. 276.

Section 3. The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this ordinance. PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of September, 2005.