

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-44

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MONROVIA, CALIFORNIA, PROHIBITING THE USE OF
EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE (COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS
“STYROFOAM”) FOOD SERVICE PRODUCTS WITHIN CITY
FACILITIES.**

WHEREAS, the City of Monrovia is committed to preserving the environment; and

WHEREAS, expanded polystyrene, which is commonly referred to by its trademark name “Styrofoam,” is a petroleum based plastic that has been found to have increasingly negative effects on the environment; and

WHEREAS, expanded polystyrene’s inability to be recycled results in more quantities of waste sent to landfill; and

WHEREAS, food service products made from expanded polystyrene are a major source of litter and marine pollution, and frequently clogs storm drains and waterways throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, as a non-biodegradable and non-recyclable plastic, expanded polystyrene can persist in the environment for hundreds to thousands of years if not managed properly.

**NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONROVIA DOES
RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. A ban on expanded polystyrene food service products at City facilities is hereby enacted.

SECTION 2. This expanded polystyrene food service product ban shall prohibit the City from purchasing and / or acquiring any expanded polystyrene food service products including, but not limited to, cups, plates, bowls, trays, and containers.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of December, 2017.

Tom Adams, Mayor
City of Monrovia

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Alice D. Atkins, CMC, City Clerk
City of Monrovia

Craig A. Steele, City Attorney
City of Monrovia