



Date of Notice: December 4, 2020

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A
PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
AND
A SCOPING MEETING
PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

PUBLIC NOTICE: The City of San Diego (City) as the Lead Agency has determined that the project described below will require the preparation of a Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a PEIR and a Scoping Meeting was publicly noticed and distributed on December 4, 2020. This notice was published in the SAN DIEGO DAILY TRANSCRIPT and placed on the City of San Diego website at:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/city-clerk/officialdocs/notices/index.shtml>

and on the City's CEQA website at: <https://www.sandiego.gov/ceqa/draft>.

PROJECT NAME: Polystyrene Ordinance
APPLICANT: City of San Diego Environmental Services Department
COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Citywide
COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City is proposing an ordinance that would amend the San Diego Municipal Code (SDMC) to restrict the use of polystyrene products throughout the City. The proposed ordinance includes a ban of the distribution of egg cartons, food service ware, or food trays that are made, in whole or in part, from polystyrene foam. Items that are made, in whole or in part, from polystyrene foam that is not wholly encapsulated or encased within a non-polystyrene foam material (e.g., coolers, ice chests, or similar containers; pool or beach toys; or dock floats, mooring buoys, or anchor or navigation markers) will also be banned from distribution. Products that are made, in whole or in part, from polystyrene foam will be banned from distribution in or at facilities within the City. The proposed ordinance will allow the distribution of prepared food that is packaged in food service ware or that uses food trays made, in whole or in part, from polystyrene foam, if the prepared food is packaged outside of the City and is provided to the consumer as originally packaged. The proposed ordinance would limit the distribution of food service ware products such as, utensils and straws, for takeout orders of prepared food, and will only allow the provision of utensils upon the request of the person ordering the prepared food.

The ordinance will also include a process for obtaining a waiver of the provisions regarding food service ware and food trays if the applicant or City official seeking the waiver demonstrates that adherence to the ordinance would result in the following: 1) a feasibility-based hardship; 2) a financial hardship; and/or 3) a violation of a contractual requirement.

RECOMMENDED FINDING: Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15060(d), the proposed project may result in significant environmental impacts in the following areas: **Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas**

Emissions, and Utilities/Service Systems. The Initial Study Checklist is available on City's CEQA website at: <https://www.sandiego.gov/ceqa/draft>.

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING: The City of San Diego Planning Department and Environmental Services Department will hold a public scoping on **Wednesday, December 16, 2020**, from 1 PM to 3 PM via Zoom. **Please note that depending on the number of attendees, the meeting could end earlier than 3 PM.** The public scoping meeting can be accessed at the following link: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_fzae6ni6Qz6UETkmMpPuHg

COMMENTS: This NOP is available for a 30-day public review period that starts on **December 4, 2020**, and ends on **January 4, 2021**. Written/mail-in comments regarding the proposed PEIR's scope and alternatives should be sent to the following address: **Rebecca Malone, Senior Environmental Planner, City of San Diego Planning Department, 9485 Aero Drive, M.S. 413, San Diego, CA 92123** or emailed to PlanningCEQA@sandiego.gov with the **Project Name in the subject line**. Responsible agencies are requested to indicate their statutory responsibilities in connection with this project when responding. A PEIR incorporating public input will then be prepared and distributed for the public to review and comment.

AVAILABILITY IN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT: To request this Notice in alternative format, call the Planning Department at (619) 235-5200 OR (800) 735-2929 (TEXT TELEPHONE).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: For environmental review information, contact Rebecca Malone at (619) 446-5371. For information regarding public meetings/hearings on this project, contact the Project Manager, Jennifer Ott, at (858) 573-1285. This notice was published in the SAN DIEGO DAILY TRANSCRIPT and distributed on December 4, 2020.

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ATTACHMENTS: Figure 1: City of San Diego

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