

City of Silverton

Polystyrene Food Service Product Regulation

Why is the City of Silverton banning polystyrene?

- It is the City's desire to protect the natural environment and public health.
- Polystyrene constitutes a large portion of the litter in area landfills and public places.
- When introduced to the environment polystyrene breaks into smaller non-biodegradable pieces that harm/kill marine life and other wildlife.
- Alternatives to polystyrene are readily available.

What packaging products are made from polystyrene and will be regulated by Ordinance No. 19-02?

- Food containers, plates, clamshells, hot and cold beverage cups, meat and vegetable trays, egg cartons, and other products made from polystyrene that are used for selling or providing food by a food service business for consumption on or off premises.



What packaging products are not regulated by Ordinance No. 19-02?

- This regulation does not include clear or solid polystyrene (oriented polystyrene) or prepacked soups or other foods that a food service business sells or provides to their customers that have been filled and sealed prior to receipt by the food service business.



Who does this ordinance affect?

- All food service businesses meaning full-service restaurants, fast food restaurants, cafes, delicatessens, coffee shops, grocery stores, vending trucks or carts, business or institutional cafeterias, or other businesses, entities, or nonprofits, selling or providing food directly to customers within Silverton for consumption on or off the premises.

What does this mean to the affected establishments?

- No food service business in Silverton shall serve or sell prepared food or package meat, seafood, eggs, bakery products or any other food items in polystyrene containers.

When does Ordinance No. 19-02 become enforceable?

- January 1, 2020 for food service businesses selling or providing raw meat or raw seafood for consumption on or off the premises.
- July 1, 2019 for all food service businesses.