



CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

ORDINANCE SUMMARY

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 8.72 OF THE SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT THE RETAIL SALE OF POLYSTYRENE**

1. SUMMARY

The City Council of the City of South San Francisco (“City”) has introduced, on August 28, 2024, and proposes to adopt, on September 11, 2024, an ordinance amending Chapter 8.72 in Title 8 of the South San Francisco Municipal Code to prohibit the retail sale of polystyrene. The ordinance would prohibit the retail sale of polystyrene by all vendors, including but not limited to, cafeterias, caterers, fraternal clubs, convenience stores, liquor stores, grocery stores, mobile food vendors, carts, food kiosks, roadside or sidewalk stands, festivals, delicatessens, restaurants, coffee shops, bars, pubs, retail stores, restaurant supply stores, party supply stores, drug stores, hardware stores, supermarket take out establishments, or other food or retail or sales outlets. Polystyrene is defined in Chapter 8.72 as a thermoplastic petrochemical material that may appear as a solid foam as expanded polystyrene (“EPS”) or a clear or solid polystyrene known as oriented polystyrene. Polystyrene products include foodware solely made of polystyrene such as foam cups, plates, bowls, lids, trays, hinged or lidded containers (“clamshells”), ice chests, and coolers. If the ordinance is adopted, the prohibition would go into effect on January 1, 2025. The ordinance would not change the ability for a vendor to request an exemption based on undue hardship under an existing section of the South San Francisco Municipal Code, Section 8.72.060. Any vendor violating this chapter would be subject to existing enforcement remedies under South San Francisco Municipal Code Section 8.72.070, including but not limited to hearings, citations, administrative fines, and compliance plans.

2. This Ordinance Summary was prepared pursuant to Government Code Section 36933. The City Council ordered preparation of this Ordinance Summary by the City Attorney.

3. The City Council introduced this Ordinance on August 28, 2024 and plans to adopt the Ordinance at its regular meeting on September 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard in the Library Parks and Recreation Center, 901 Civic Campus Way, South San Francisco, CA.

DATED: \_\_\_\_\_

9/3/2024

  
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City Clerk