

**CITY OF ALBANY
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
STAFF REPORT**

Agenda Date: April 21, 2008
Reviewed by: *BP*

SUBJECT: AN ORDINANCE OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL REGULATING THE USE OF POLYSTYRENE FOAM DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE WARE AND REQUIRING THE USE OF BIODEGRADABLE OR COMPOSTABLE DISPOSABLE FOOD SERVICE WARE BY FOOD VENDORS AND CITY FACILITIES

REPORT BY: Nicole Almaguer, Environmental Resources Associate

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council approve Ordinance #08-02 to regulate the use of polystyrene foam disposable food service ware and require the use of biodegradable or compostable disposable food service ware by food vendors and city facilities.

BACKGROUND

On April 7, 2008 City Council introduced Ordinance #08-02 for a first reading. The Ordinance was reviewed and approved, with clarification added to the date of implementation identified within the Ordinance.

DISCUSSION

This is the second reading, pass to print of Ordinance #08-02.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

As noted in the April 7, 2008 staff report, alternatives to polystyrene foam cost a few cents more per item and vary in price with the product type. The actual cost to a food vendor to switch to an alternative product will be largely dependant on the amount and types of disposable food service ware the vendor currently uses.

The City will need to budget any increased costs associated with purchasing non-polystyrene foam products for use in City facilities and City events. There will also be some cost associated with the complaint-based enforcement of the Ordinance.

Attachments

1. Ordinance No. 08-02
2. April 7, 2008 Staff Report

