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To all Lincoln City business owners:

**Ban on Plastic Foam Food Containers Goes into Effect April This Year**

On April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Lincoln City's City Council adopted ordinance 2020-09 declaring foam polystyrene (Styrofoam) plastic food and other containers a public nuisance. The use of these containers has been prohibited.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, however, the effective date of the ordinance was delayed by a year. This was done to give restaurants time to shift to environmentally friendly containers.

We are approaching the end of the one-year postponement. **The ban on foam polystyrene containers goes into effect on April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

**Grace Period**

In order to give businesses additional time to use up existing foam container stock, **enforcement of the plastic foam food container ban will be delayed by an additional 90 days.**

**After July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, the ban on foam polystyrene food containers will be enforced.** Violations will be Class C misdemeanors that include fines.

**Thank You for Your Help**

Styrofoam is a major source of ocean pollution. It breaks down into microplastic pieces that literally take thousands of years to fully decompose.

Your assistance in helping to remove this source of pollution from Lincoln City is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for making Lincoln City cleaner, greener and safer for everyone.

Sincerely,



Ronald F. Chandler  
City Manager

