

**RESOLUTION NO. 3413-17**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR TO  
SUPPORT SB 705 (ALLEN), WHICH WILL PROHIBIT FOOD VENDORS FROM  
DISPENSING PREPARED FOOD TO A CUSTOMER IN AN EXPANDED  
POLYSTYRENE FOOD SERVICE CONTAINER ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2020**

**WHEREAS**, expanded polystyrene foam (EPS), commonly known as Styrofoam, is pervasive in the marine and beach environment - like most plastics, polystyrene is lightweight and floats; and

**WHEREAS**, when littered, polystyrene foam is carried from streets and through storm drains out to the ocean - the environment, the containers break down into smaller and smaller pieces and are easily mistaken for food by marine animals; and

**WHEREAS**, because EPS food packaging is contaminated from food residue, recycling is virtually impossible - it takes decades or centuries for it to decompose in a landfill; and

**WHEREAS**, compostable food service packaging allows institutional users to incorporate the packaging into new small-scale food composting collection systems without the labor and expense of separating the container from the food, and, if the material does find its way into the environment, it can reduce the negative impact on wildlife and storm drain systems; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' National Toxicology Program has listed the Styrene in polystyrene as a "reasonably anticipated human carcinogen," stating that "a causal relationship between styrene exposures and cancer in humans is credible;" and

**WHEREAS**, the removal of EPS from the waste stream will not only protect human health, but reduce the cost to local governments for litter prevention, clean up, and disposal; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to create a statewide policy and uniformity regarding this nuisance form of litter and marine pollution, particularly in a state whose world-renown beaches and coastline provide a significant amount of income from tourism dollars.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town Council of the Town of Windsor does hereby support SB-705 (Allen), which will prohibit food vendors from dispensing prepared food to a customer in an expanded polystyrene food service container on and after January 1, 2020.

**PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED** this 6th day of December 2017, by the following vote:

<b>AYES:</b>	<b>COUNCILMEMBERS FUDGE, MILLAN, SALMON, VICE MAYOR FOPPOLI AND MAYOR OKREPKIE</b>
<b>NOES:</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	<b>NONE</b>
<b>ABSENT:</b>	<b>NONE</b>

  
**BRUCE OKREPKIE, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
**MARIA DE LA O, TOWN CLERK**