

## Monterey joins ban on polystyrene

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A ban on food and beverage containers made of polystyrene foam plastic was unanimously approved Tuesday by the Monterey City Council.

Monterey joins Carmel and Pacific Grove in outlawing the lightweight containers made of Styrofoam and similar products in an effort to curtail litter from discarded packaging.

The ban was recommended by the Monterey Planning Commission as part of the city's anti-litter program.

The commission said polystyrene foam breaks down into small particles that are difficult to gather and easily scattered by wind, and adversely affect wildlife when washed into Monterey Bay.

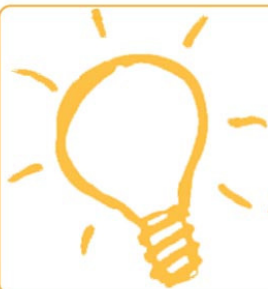
The product can be recycled, but it would not be practical for the city, the commission said.

The ordinance applies to restaurants, catering trucks, grocery stores, supermarkets, delicatessens, other stores, shops and sales outlets, and organizations serving food at special events. Violators would be subject to citations and fines.

The ordinance was introduced Tuesday and will be read again at the council's Feb. 17 meeting for final adoption. It goes into effect six months after that date.

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