

WHAT BUSINESSES NEED TO KNOW

➔ NO plastic stirrers



Food establishments are prohibited from dispensing plastic stirrers

➔ NO styrofoam containers



Food establishments are prohibited from dispensing prepared food or beverages to any person in disposable food containers made from foam polystyrene

➔ NO styrofoam food containers or packing material



Retail establishments are prohibited from selling or distributing disposable food containers OR foam packing material made from foam polystyrene

➔ Reusable food service ware is encouraged



Food establishments are strongly encouraged to use reusable food service ware in place of using disposable food service ware for all food served. Food establishments using disposable food service ware and stirrers are strongly encouraged to use biodegradable, compostable, reusable or recyclable food service ware and stirrers.



NEWTON'S POLYSTYRENE BAN

EFFECTIVE DATE

January 1, 2020

ENFORCEMENT

Fine: Any food or retail establishment which violates any provision of this ordinance shall be liable for a fine as follows:

First offense - warning

Second offense: \$100

Third offense: \$200

Subsequent offenses: \$300

Each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense

Whoever violates any provision of this section or any regulation established by the commissioner may be penalized by a noncriminal disposition as provided in G.L. c. 40 Sec., 21D.

This section shall be enforced by the commissioner of Health and Human Services or his or her designee.

Questions? Contact:

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