

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON

In the matter of a finding regarding the existence of a recycling system that is actively supported by the plastics industry.)
) RESOLUTION
) 90-43

WHEREAS, section 2, subsection C of Ordinance 614 prohibits food vendors operating in facilities controlled by the County, and restaurant and retail food vendors in Multnomah County from using or distributing food to patrons in any polystyrene product unless the Board of County Commissioners has found there exists in Multnomah County a recycling system actively supported by the plastics industry; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners must identify the elements of a recycling system and receive verification that these elements are in place.

1. Therefore, the Board now finds: Staff investigation has identified three distinct elements in the recycling process; collecting, processing, and end market sale; and

2. A facility exists in the Metropolitan area where polystyrene foam may be received for recycling; and

3. The plastics industry provides information to restaurants and retail food vendors in Multnomah County about methods for collection of polystyrene foam; and

4. The methods introduced by the reprocessing industry make it possible for the restaurants and retail food vendors to obtain verification of the estimated amount of polystyrene foam received by the processors. Verification is a requirement for establishments participating in the Multnomah County polystyrene foam recycling program; and

5. The plastics reprocessor has the ability to prepare and reprocess polystyrene foam received from restaurants and retail food vendors into a form suitable for use in a commodity market; and

6. The plastics reprocessor processes 90% of the polystyrene foam that it receives from the restaurants and food vendors; and

7. 100% of the polystyrene foam that is reprocessed, is turned into polystyrene and conveyed into the commodity market;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the elements necessary for a recycling system actively supported by the plastics industry are in place; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the findings above stated are adopted by the Board pursuant to Section 2, subsection C of Ordinance 614.

Adopted this 22nd day of March, 1990



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