



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#20-0902

TO: Honorable Mayor & Members of the
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Alain E. Boileau, City Attorney

DATE: November 17, 2020

TITLE: Second Reading - Ordinance Amending Chapter 16 Entitled "Miscellaneous Provisions and Offenses" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, By Creating Article IX Entitled "Polystyrene Products" and Providing for Penalties - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission adopt, on second reading, an Ordinance amending Chapter 16 entitled "Miscellaneous Provisions and Offenses" of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, by creating Article IX entitled "Polystyrene Products" and providing for penalties to prohibit the use of polystyrene products on public property and public facilities.

Background

Polystyrene which is a petroleum processing by-product used to make Polystyrene foam that is sometimes referred to as "Styrofoam". Polystyrene foam is generally used to make cups, bowls, plates, trays, clamshell containers, meat trays and egg cartons and used for packing. Polystyrene foam is non-biodegradable and non-recyclable and poses a threat to wildlife, waterways, ecosystems, and contaminates the public drainage system.

Regulating polystyrene products will reduce the accumulation of polystyrene litter in the environment and will improve the health of the city's waterways, wildlife and residents. Prohibiting the use of polystyrene products on public property will encourage the use environmentally friendly affordable alternatives to polystyrene foam.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – Ordinance

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