

Notice of Exemption

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 Chief Sustainability Office
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Project Title:

Reduction of Waste from Single-Use Articles and Expanded Polystyrene Products Ordinance

Project Location: County-wide (unincorporated only)

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

A significant amount of waste is generated in Los Angeles County (County) from single-use plastic products, particularly food service ware. These products pose a burden to County residents as they both accumulate in landfills and, when improperly disposed of as litter, end up in streets and waterways.

On April 5, 2022, the County of Los Angeles (County) Board of Supervisors approved the introduction of the "Reduction of Waste from Single-Use Articles and Expanded Polystyrene Products Ordinance" and determined that adoption of the ordinance was exempt from CEQA under sections 15307 15308, 15378 and 15060(c)(2) of the State CEQA Guidelines (CEQA Guidelines). The ordinance prohibits food facilities and retail establishments located in unincorporated County areas or operated within a County facility from providing single-use food service ware with ready-to-eat food unless it is recyclable or compostable. It also prohibits retail establishments from selling products made from polystyrene and requires full-service restaurants to use reusable food service ware.

The purpose of this ordinance is to reduce or eliminate the use of single-use plastic food service ware and ensure that materials used for disposable products are recyclable or compostable. Given the significant economic costs and environmental impacts caused by plastic waste, adoption of the ordinance provides immediate and long-term benefits for the County.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Los Angeles

Exempt Status:

- Ministerial (§ 21080(b)(1); § 15268)
- Declared Emergency (§ 21080(b)(3); § 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (§ 21080(b)(4); § 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption: §§ 15307 (Class 7), 15308 (Class 8)
- Statutory Exemptions: §§ 15378, 15060(c)(2)

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The ordinance is within certain classes of projects that have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that it meets the criteria set forth in the above sections. Adoption of the proposed ordinance is a regulatory action taken by the County for the protection of natural resources and the environment. The ordinance will reduce the amount of polystyrene and other plastic that enters the environment, fills up landfills, harms marine environments, and impacts human health. In addition, based upon the proposed project records, none of the conditions that would make these exemptions inapplicable under section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines are present.

The ordinance is also exempt from CEQA pursuant to sections 15378 and 15060(c)(2) of the CEQA Guidelines because it will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

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Signed by Lead Agency

Authority Cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
 Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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