



Food Service and Packaging Waste Reduction Ordinance #140-16 Request for Waiver Form

DIRECTIONS

To request a temporary compliance waiver from the requirements of Environment Code Chapter 16 and the prohibition on the sale or distribution of certain expanded polystyrene foam products or other products that are not compostable or recyclable, please complete all sections of this form or provide in writing the information requested in this form. The San Francisco Department of the Environment shall review requests for waivers on a case-by-case basis, and may grant the waiver in whole or in part, with or without conditions, for a period of up to 36 months. An application for renewal of a waiver for a new waiver period must be submitted no later than 60 days prior to the expiration of the current period to preserve the waiver. The Department's determination on a waiver request shall be final and shall not be subject to appeal.

SECTION I – WAIVER TYPE

Check below the type(s) of waiver being requested:

- A feasibility hardship waiver.** I certify that I have not found any reasonably feasible alternative to each non-compliant product I am requesting a waiver for.
- A financial hardship waiver.** I certify that my business's annual reported gross income (revenue) is less than \$500,000. I have attached the most recent Federal tax form showing gross income. I also certify that I have not found any reasonably affordable alternative product available for each non-compliant product I am requesting a waiver for.

Business Name

Business Address

Name of Authorized Individual Applying for the Waiver

Title of Authorized Individual

Telephone Number

Email Address

SECTION II – INFORMATION REQUESTED

Please answer the following questions about your request.

1. Identify the non-complying product(s) for which you seek a waiver, including product type (e.g., poultry tray), dimensions (e.g., 10'x8'x5/8"), and material (e.g., polystyrene foam that is wrapped in polyethylene film).

2. Describe the specific uses of your product(s) (e.g., polystyrene foam tray to hold raw cut poultry) and provide an estimate of the monthly quantity of the non-complying product(s) for which you are requesting a waiver.

3. If you are applying for a feasibility hardship waiver, explain the efforts made to identify a reasonably feasible alternative for each non-compliant product for which a waiver is being requested (at a minimum research acceptable vendor product lists at <http://sfenvironment.org/no-foam>).

4. If you are applying for a financial hardship waiver, explain the efforts made to identify a reasonably affordable alternative for each non-compliant product for which a waiver is being requested. Attach or include comparative prices for non-compliant vs. compliant product alternatives, and the total cost impact on your business per year.

5. What is the duration of the waiver you are requesting (up to 36 months) and the basis for this period?

6. Have you been previously granted a waiver(s) for any other activity subject to this Ordinance?
 Yes _____ No _____
 If yes, complete the following information for the waiver(s) previously granted. If more than one waiver has been granted, please provide (on separate sheet if necessary):
 - a. Business Address
 - b. Date Waiver Granted
 - c. Identify the product(s) for which you previously received a waiver

SECTION III – SIGNATURE

 Signature of Authorized Individual Applying for the Waiver

 Date

Submit this form to the Department of the Environment by hand delivery, by United States mail to 1455 Market Street, Suite 1200, San Francisco, CA 94103, or by email at environment@sfgov.org, or facsimile at (415) 554-6393.

For Official City Action

Date Waiver Request Received: _____
 Name/Title: _____
 Signature/Date: _____

Waiver Denied _____
 Waiver Granted for _____ Months
 Note: