



Commission on Sustainability
Office of Sustainability
417 East Fayette Street, Eighth Floor
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill # 08-0061, Food Establishments – Polystyrene Products

The Honorable President and Members
of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle, Executive Secretary
City Hall, Room 400
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

April 11, 2008

Dear Honorable President and Council Members:

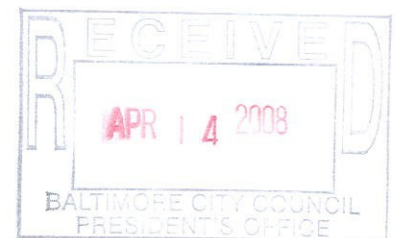
City Council Bill # 08-0061 would prohibit food service facilities from using any polystyrene (e.g. Styrofoam) product unless no affordable alternative (costs no more than 120% of polystyrene) product exists. The basic penalty would be set at \$1,000.

The Commission on Sustainability (Commission) defers comment on this bill. The Commission was sworn-in by Mayor Dixon on April 2, 2008 and will convene its first official meeting on April 22, 2008. As the Commission has yet to meet, any response to City Council Bill # 08-0061 would be premature. The Commission anticipates reviewing and commenting on proposed legislation after having made a sufficient amount of progress in developing the larger Baltimore Sustainability Plan recommendations, including adequate public input on major environmental issues. The planning process will take six months and the Commission expects to present a draft plan to the Planning Commission in October.

Regards,

 for cc.

Cheryl Casciani
Chair, Commission on Sustainability



Comments