



Polystyrene Plastic Reduction Business Hardship Waiver Application

Purpose

The City of Vista is committed to a vision of A Cleaner Vista for its residents, businesses, and visitors by reducing the amount of litter and landfill waste produced within the city. Beginning July 1, 2023, Vista Municipal Code (VMC) Chapter 11.04 prohibits food services providers within the City from providing polystyrene (Styrofoam) products with prepared food to their customers. By banning the distribution of polystyrene products, Vista is shifting consumer and business mindsets to a more reusable and sustainable future.

Waiver

The City understands that switching from polystyrene to a more sustainable option has the potential to be more costly and can be a difficult transition for smaller businesses. Providing the opportunity for a business hardship waiver is meant to help ease the transition for those businesses that might face more challenges to reach compliance. Qualifying businesses can receive an initial waiver for six months with the option to extend the waiver for an additional six-months. No businesses shall receive waivers totaling more than twelve months.

Eligibility

Businesses that have annual gross receipts of less than \$1,000,000 are eligible to apply for the waiver. The annual gross receipts can be demonstrated by either the applicant's sworn statement of gross receipts for an initial business license under VMC Section 5.04.150 or the applicant's sworn statement of gross receipts for a renewal business license under VMC Section 5.04.160. Each business is only eligible for one initial waiver and one renewal waiver. Waiver renewal applications must be submitted no later than 30 days prior to the expiration of an initial waiver.

Waiver Application & Approval Process

Prior to applying for the waiver, applicants can verify their eligibility by referencing what their sworn gross receipts were when applying for their business license or business license renewal. If the applicant does not have those records on file, they can email businesslicense@cityofvista.com. Once the application is received by the City, staff will verify the submitted information and contact the applicant to let them know the status of the waiver application.

Contact

For more information, please contact Cassidy McCarthy, Climate Action Plan Program Administrator.

Email: climateaction@cityofvista.com Phone: 760.643.5219

Website: <https://www.cityofvista.com/business/polystyrene-and-single-use-plastics>



POLYSTYRENE PLASTICS REDUCTION PROGRAM WAIVER APPLICATION

Please fill out and return to climateaction@cityofvista.com.
Incomplete or illegible applications will not be accepted. Information on this form is a public record.

Pursuant to Vista Municipal Code (VMC) Chapter 11.04, Polystyrene Plastics Reduction, an applicant may seek a waiver or a waiver renewal by submitting an application to demonstrate the business has annual gross receipts of less than \$1,000,000. The initial waiver is valid for up to six months and the City may grant one renewal waiver for up to an additional six months. In no event shall an applicant receive waivers totaling more than 12 months for a single entity.

Qualifying Businesses are businesses with annual gross receipts of less than \$1,000,000.

DBA: _____

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____
(Cannot be P.O. Box) Street City State Zip Code

Business Phone: _____ Business Email: _____

Applicant Name: _____ Title: _____

Please check applicable application:

- Initial six-month waiver Additional six-month waiver extension

I am applying for a six-month waiver from the requirements of VMC Section 11.04.030.

I understand that this waiver is conditioned upon:

- The referenced business having annual gross receipts less than \$1,000,000, as demonstrated by either:
 - The sworn statement of gross receipts on the initial business license under VMC Section 5.04.150; or
 - The sworn statement of gross receipts on the renewal business license under VMC Section 5.04.160
- Approval and review by the City Manager or designee under VMC Section 11.04.040.

I have included a copy of my documentation (copy of current business license application) qualifying for a waiver.

Print Owner/Representative Name

Signature

Date