

# Food Packaging Ordinance Timeline

**Sustainability Committee Oversight**  
Review progress with voluntary adoption, products, business support

**Nov '09 Ordinance Adopted - Voluntary Phase Begins**

- No mandatory requirements
- Food service businesses begin to transition products
- City assists with business education, communication, customer awareness, incentives to support businesses

Voluntary

11 months

**Oct '10 Mandatory - Phase I**

- No polystyrene containers. Food service businesses must use recyclable, compostable products
- Businesses must participate in commercial compost program or provide container on site for consumer use.
- Product exemptions (hot containers/lids, utensils, raw meat trays)
- Waiver process in place: businesses may request exemptions

Mandatory

7 months

**May '11 Mandatory - Phase II**

- All products required
- Waivers expire

Mandatory

**Administration:**

- Business notification
- Public education and promotion
- Technical assistance, site visits, employee training
- Incentives, rebates and direct support to local businesses
- Stakeholder coordination
- Ordinance administration and waivers process
- Evaluate purchasing cooperative
- Packaging vendor fairs
- Tracking and reporting

Ongoing Programming