



OFFICE OF THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Gavin Newsom, Mayor
Edwin M. Lee, City Administrator

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

San Francisco Food Service Waste Reduction Ordinance No. 295-06

Tuesday, June 12, 2007, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

**The Brava Theater
Studio Room
2781 – 24th Street, between York and Hampshire Streets**

Effective June 1, 2007, San Francisco's Food Service Waste Reduction Ordinance, No. 295-06, requires that all disposable food ware (take-out containers) used in San Francisco be either biodegradable/compostable or recyclable. The Ordinance also bans the use of Styrofoam™ disposable food ware. All food vendors, including restaurants, delis, fast food establishments, vendors at fairs, food trucks, and all City facilities must follow this new law. Violation of this Ordinance may result in a criminal fine, administrative penalty, or other civil enforcement action.

Food vendors are invited to attend of this meeting to learn about the Ordinance and to get information that will help them comply with this new law. Product distributors will be displaying their approved alternative biodegradable/compostable and recyclable products at these meetings.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to protect the public health and safety of its residents and the natural environment. **Styrofoam™ is a pollutant that breaks down into smaller, non-biodegradable pieces that are ingested by marine life and other wildlife, either harming or killing them. A component of Styrofoam™, Styrene, is toxic and a suspected carcinogen and neurotoxin that potentially threatens human health.** Take-out containers are a large portion of the litter in the City's streets, parks, and public places.

For additional information, a copy of a list of approved alternative biodegradable/compostable and recyclable products, the Ordinance, or the rules and regulations for enforcing this Ordinance, please call or visit the Department of the Environment's website at www.sfenvironment.com/foodservice, telephone (415) 355-3700, or the City Administrator's website at www.sfgov.org/site/cao, telephone (415) 554-6927.

Accessibility Information for the Brava Theater

Disability Access for the Brava Theater, 2781 – 24th Street: The Brava Theater is wheelchair accessible.

The nearest accessible MUNI lines are the 9 San Bruno, 27 Bryant, 33 Stanyan, and the 48 Quesada. For more information about MUNI accessible services, please call the City's Customer Service Center at 3-1-1.