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**CITY OF NEWPORT
TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING ON THE CONCEPT OF A
PLASTICS REDUCTION ORDINANCE THAT COULD INCLUDE
A PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE FOAM**

The Newport City Council will hold a public hearing on January 19, 2021 to discuss the concept of a plastics reduction ordinance, which could include a potential prohibition on the use of expanded polystyrene foam (Styrofoam). The public hearing will occur during the regular City Council meeting of Tuesday, January 19, 2021. The meeting begins at 6:00 P.M., and will be held virtually utilizing the Zoom platform.

All virtual public meetings of the City of Newport are livestreamed and televised on Charter Channel 190. To access the livestream, visit the City of Newport website at www.newportoregon.gov. Once there, click on "City Government;" then click on "City Council" or "Committees (depending on the meeting of interest); click on the name of the committee; then an "in progress" note will appear if the meeting is underway; click on the "in progress" link to watch the livestream. It is not possible to access a meeting that will be livestreamed before the meeting starts.

To submit a written public comment, send the written comment to publiccomment@newportoregon.gov. The e-mail must be received by noon on January 19, 2021. These comments will be acknowledged, at the appropriate time, by the Mayor. If a specific request is made to read written public comment into the record during a meeting, the City Recorder, or designee, will be provided a maximum of three minutes to read the comment during the meeting.

To make a “real time” comment during a meeting, a request to speak should be made by 2:00 P.M. on January 19, 2021. The request should be e-mailed to publiccomment@newportoregon.gov. Once a request to speak has been received, staff will send the requestor the Zoom meeting link. This link will allow a requestor to participate via video or telephone. Participants will remain in the Zoom “waiting room” until the public hearing is opened.

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