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Dear Business Owner:

The City of Saco appreciates the contribution that you and your business provide to our community and our economic development. We wish to continue partnering with you by bettering our beautiful City and contributing to a healthier more sustainable environment.

This letter is to inform you that the City of Saco has recently banned the use of polystyrene foam (Styrofoam®) products. Polystyrene foam packaging is not recyclable in our area and is damaging to the environment. When polystyrene foam is introduced to the environment, it breaks down into smaller non-biodegradable pieces that harm or kill marine life and other wildlife. We wish to continue to protect our natural resources including the Saco River which make the City of Saco such a wonderful place to live and work.

Beginning on October 19, 2016, the use of polystyrene foam (Styrofoam®) packaging is prohibited in the City of Saco. This includes food service materials such as cups, plates, bowls, take out boxes and other items used to contain prepared food. This ordinance covers establishments including restaurants, convenience stores, food trucks, cafeterias, pubs, caterers, coffee shops, grocery stores, and other businesses preparing or packaging food for retail sale.

Again, the City of Saco appreciates your contribution to our community. We are all stake holders of this community and we look forward to creating a cleaner and healthier community. We will work with you to transition the use of these products out of your business. There are several paper rigid plastic products that are available for use that are much more environmentally friendly and recyclable. Please find a list of FAQ's on the following page. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Code Enforcement department at (207) 284-6983.

Sincerely,

Kevin L. Sutherland
City Administrator
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