

ORDINANCE NO. 5237

BILL NO. 68 (2021)

A BILL FOR AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 20.26, MAUI COUNTY  
CODE, RESTRICTING THE USE AND SALE OF FOAM COOLERS

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI:

SECTION 1. Because of its ability to break down into small and microscopic fragments that persist for decades, polystyrene foam coolers and ice chests have significant negative impacts on the environment and contribute to the potential death of marine animals and avian populations through ingestion.

By Ordinance 4457 (2017), the Council prohibited polystyrene foam food service containers, effective December 31, 2018. The Council finds that this prohibition has been effective in keeping such materials from entering the environment.

By Ordinance 5084 (2020), the Council prohibited plastic disposable foodware, effective January 1, 2022. The Council finds that this prohibition may also be effective in keeping such material from entering the environment and that further regulation is warranted.

The Council finds and declares that, to protect the County's unique environment and the health and welfare of its marine and avian life and prevent microplastics from entering the food chain, polystyrene foam coolers and ice chests must also be regulated.

SECTION 2. Section 20.26.020, Maui County Code, is amended to read

as follows:

**“20.26.020 Definitions.** Whenever used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires:

“ASTM Standard” means the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) International Standard.

“Compostable” means materials that can undergo biological decomposition or become part of usable compost in a safe and timely manner, either in an appropriate composting program or facility, or in a home compost pile or device. To qualify as compostable, such food service containers must meet ASTM Standard D6400 for Compostable Plastics, as amended.

“Foam cooler” means polystyrene foam coolers and ice chests, where such foam is not fully encased in another impermeable material by its original manufacturer, in which any foods or beverages are placed or packaged or intended to be placed or packaged.

“Department” means the department of environmental management.

“Director” means the director of environmental management.

“Disposable” means something designed to be discarded after a single or limited number of uses and not designed or manufactured for long-term multiple re-use[.], including foam coolers.

“Foodware” means foam coolers, food service containers, and utensils.

“Food provider” means any person providing prepared food for consumption within the County, including any store, shop, sales outlet, restaurant, bar, pub, coffee shop, cafeteria, caterer, convenience store, liquor store, grocery store, supermarket, delicatessen, food truck, catering vehicle or cart, or roadside stand.

“Food service container” means all plates, trays, cups, bowls, cartons, and hinged or lidded containers (clamshells) on or in which any foods or beverages are placed or packaged or intended to be placed or packaged.

“Plastic” means any material made, in whole or in part, from petroleum or petrochemical compounds, including so-called biodegradable products, where any portion is not compostable. “Plastic” also means all forms of polystyrene, polyethylene, polypropylene, and polycarbonate, or petrochemical polymeric compounds and additives that can be shaped by flow.

“Polystyrene foam” means blown polystyrene and expanded and extruded foams that are thermoplastic petrochemical materials utilizing a styrene monomer and processed by techniques including

fusion of polymer spheres (expandable bead polystyrene), injection molding, foam molding, and extrusion-blown molding (extruded foam polystyrene). Polystyrene foam does not include clear or solid polystyrene (oriented polystyrene).

“Prepackaged food” means food and beverages contained in plastic disposable foodware that has been filled and sealed entirely outside the County or in a manner intended to prevent the food or beverage from having any direct human contact, such as shelf-stable food and beverages; condiment packets, poi bags, musubi wraps, plastic film, chip bags, cookie and cracker wrappers, bread bags, meal kits, ice bags; beverage-related bottles or cartons; packaging for unprepared food; and packaging for wholesale distribution of prepared food, baked goods, and dairy products.

“Prepared food” means any food or beverage prepared for consumption using any cooking or food preparation technique, including chopping, slicing, mixing, brewing, freezing, or squeezing, or otherwise prepared for consumption. “Prepared food” includes restaurant-style food and beverages that are packaged after being ordered and ready for consumption without further preparation.

“Shelf-stable food” means prepared food that can be stored at room temperature and does not require refrigeration, freezing, or heating for food safety purposes.

“Utensils” means implements used in the consumption of food or drink, such as forks, knives, spoons, straws, coffee stirrers, cocktail picks, and chopsticks, excluding those contained within or attached to prepackaged food.”

SECTION 3. Material to be repealed is bracketed. New material is underscored. In printing this bill, the County Clerk need not include the brackets, the bracketed material, or the underscoring.

SECTION 4. This ordinance takes effect on January 1, 2022.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:



Department of the Corporation Counsel  
County of Maui

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WE HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing BILL NO. 68 (2021)

1. Passed FINAL READING at the meeting of the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, held on the 6th day of August, 2021, by the following vote:

Alice L. LEE Chair	Keani N. W. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ Vice-Chair	Gabriel JOHNSON	Natalie A. KAMA	Kelly T. KING	Michael J. MOLINA	Tamara A. M. PALTIN	Shane M. SINENCI	Yuki Lei K. SUGIMURA
Aye	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye

2. Was transmitted to the Mayor of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on the 9th day of August, 2021.

DATED AT WAILUKU, MAUI, HAWAII, this 9th day of August, 2021.

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ALICE L. LEE, CHAIR  
Council of the County of Maui

KATHY L. KAOHU, COUNTY CLERK  
County of Maui

THE FOREGOING BILL IS HEREBY APPROVED THIS 9th DAY OF August, 2021.

MICHAEL P. VICTORINO, MAYOR  
County of Maui

I HEREBY CERTIFY that upon approval of the foregoing BILL by the Mayor of the County of Maui, the said BILL was designated as ORDINANCE NO. 5237 of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii.

KATHY L. KAOHU, COUNTY CLERK  
County of Maui

Passed First Reading on July 23, 2021  
Effective date of Ordinance January 1, 2022

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance No. 5237, the original of which is on file in the Office of the County Clerk, County of Maui, State of Hawaii.

Dated at Wailuku, Hawaii, on

County Clerk, County of Maui