

## **DRAFT RESOLUTION ON RESTRICTION OF PACKING MATERIALS**

Whereas non-biodegradable packing materials are littering our landscapes, filling our landfills and polluting our rivers and oceans, and

Whereas, according to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency, containers, packaging and packing materials accounted for 30%, or 72.2 million tons of solid waste generated in the United States in 2012, and

Whereas the growth of online retailing has resulted in greater numbers of packages being shipped to government entities, institutions and businesses, increasing the amount of packing materials used, and

Whereas the City (Town, Village) of \_\_\_\_\_ regularly makes purchases of materials and supplies that are shipped using non-biodegradable packing materials, and

Whereas the City (Town, Village) of \_\_\_\_\_ desires to set an example for its citizens and other cities and towns,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the City (Town, Village) of \_\_\_\_\_ will no longer accept shipments of materials or supplies that are packed using non-biodegradable plastic packing materials (except for a product's original packaging supplied by the manufacturer).

### **Language for Purchase Orders**

#### **NOTICE:**

Pursuant to the purchasing policy of the City (Town, Village) of \_\_\_\_\_, this order **must be shipped in biodegradable packing materials.** The manufacturer's original packaging of a product is exempt from this requirement.

Several large suppliers of packing materials offer both styrofoam (polystyrene) packing peanuts and corn starch packing peanuts. They also offer plastic bubble wrap and the biodegradable paper alternative. Pricing is either cheaper for the biodegradable versions or comparable to the plastic items.

## **Pricing:**

### **Packing Peanuts**

#### ***U-Line***

Styrofoam (Polystyrene) packing peanuts (20 cu ft.) white	\$29.00
Styrofoam (Polystyrene) packing peanuts (20 cu ft.) pink	\$31.00

#### **VS**

Corn starch biodegradable packing peanuts (20 cu ft.)	\$27.00
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#### ***Staples***

Polystyrene packing peanuts (7 cu ft.) white	\$23.29
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#### **VS**

Environmentally friendly packing peanuts (7 cu. ft.)	\$22.49
Corn starch biodegradable packing peanuts (7 cu ft.)	\$21.00

### **Bubble Wrap**

#### ***U-Line***

Plastic bubble wrap (750 ft. x 24") (must purchase two)	\$118.00
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#### **VS**

Kraft paper rolls (720 ft. x 24")	\$32.00
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#### ***Bubble Fast***

Plastic bubble wrap (750 ft x 12")	\$94.88
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#### **VS**

#### ***EcoEnclose***

Biodegradable corrugated bubble (750 ft. x 14")	\$72.50
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