

Kali Leinenbach

From: Ms. <mywoodenleg@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 2:41 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: plastic bag ban

I agree with the proposal but you need to add a ban on styrofoam products. The Center 50+ senior center recently purchased styrofoam to-go containers for leftover lunch food. This is ridiculous. It has been decades since Portland banned the use of styrofoam products. Call them and copy their ban exactly.

I also do not think there should be an exemption for low income people because a long time ago I read that one man taped a paper lunch bag with duct tape and used it for over five years for his lunch. There are enough bags that one can fashion from clean recycling with a slight bit of forethought that an exemption for the poor is totally unnecessary. One day of having an awkward carry experience will teach people to think ahead and come up with a bag. One can even use an old sweatshirt or skirt stapled together for a bag.

Barbara bikman 3469 Livingston St NE
Salem Or

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From: Mikel Farley <mikel@farley.pro>
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 3:09 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: HEARING ON SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS ON SEPTEMBER 10

I apologise if I am lacking information that has been discussed around this topic, but after reading through the links provided I am unable to find any studies or data indicating what the financial and environmental impacts are of this change. There are a number of mentions of other places in which similar if not identical laws have been passed, but there has been no information provided that indicates this made a positive change in the desired metrics.

Again I'm sure this data is available and supports the change, I was just concerned that it is not readily available when researching this meeting. Thanks! I appreciate your time reading and addressing this as needed.

~~ Mikel Farley
CTO, Plainly Inc.
Salem, OR

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From: Doni Howe <donihowe@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 3:25 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: What a bunch of crap

I have no problem with getting rid of plastic grocery bags because I always take my own cloth / reusable bags anyway.

I do take issue with the 'affluence discrimination' of not charging **everyone** the same fee however! Taxes come right off the top of my paycheck to provide low income folks food, a roof, a Costco member ship, etc. And now you want me to pay for their grocery bags too??

No - either make it an equal opportunity fee that everyone pays their share of or forget it

I have to live on an extremely tight budget just to feed my own family because enough to feed someone else's is deducted right off the top of the money I work hard for...they can pay their own damn bag fee if you pass this!

Doni Howe

Kali Leinenbach

From: sieberian3@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 5:12 PM
To: cityrecorder@cityofsalem.net.
Subject: plastic bags

Get rid of them. I hate those bags. I have had too many rip and tear and end up with broken jars of very expensive items that cost way more than an added nickel to my bill. The extra nickel would add up, but what a great idea for more people to use reusable bags for their groceries.

Lisa L
Salem, Or

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From: rick schulberg <rickschulberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 10:02 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Per the proposed ordinance, ban the single use bads

This is a no brainer. Kroger is doing it and others are on their tail. Just do it and hold Salem heads high.
thanks.

Kali Leinenbach

From: Erik Colville <colvillee@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 6:41 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Plastic Bag Ban

I say NO WAY to banning plastic bags or forcing retailers to charge for plastic bags, for the following reasons:

- Charging for or banning plastic bags would be a regressive tax on the poor/low income.
- Plastic bags are highly reusable so banning them would cause an increase in waste from bags purchased and discarded instead of them.
- Plastic bags are highly recyclable through the existing, widespread recycling system.

In conclusion, enhancing the already widespread recycling system for unwanted plastic bags would have less impact on the poor/low income, and on those who appreciate the reuse opportunities of plastic bags.

Erik Colville
1528 Eagle Cap St SE
Salem, OR 97317

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From: Vernelle J Judy <vernelle.judy@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 5:31 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Plastic bag ban

I am in favor of a ban on Plastic Bags in use bu Salem merchants.
I am a voting citizen of Sale.,
Thank you.

From Vernelle J Judy, author of: ***THE BIG ONE***
TRIPPING ON OREGON'S TREASURES
TRIPPING ON A SHOESTRING

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From: Vicki <vseed55@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 3:32 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Single use plastic bags

I reuse my plastic bags for several things. They are the perfect size to line my small trash cans with. I also use them when traveling to put my dirty cloths and shoes in to protect my suitcase. I put my empty bottles in them to return them to the bottle refund center. I would have to start purchasing plastic trash bags on top of the stores charging me for bags because I don't have reusable ones with me. I already spend plenty of \$ at the store shouldn't have to supply my own bag or pay extra for a bag just to get my items home.

Vicki Seed

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From: Karen Hays <b_6.2.3_6788@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 9:07 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Plastic grocery bags

I am in full support of the ban on single use plastic grocery bags.

It takes a little practice, but we can all learn to remember our reusable bags and protect our fish, wildlife and our planet.

Karen Hays

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From: Christine Speak <christinelspeak0909@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 6:19 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Plastic bag ruling

I support a city-wide ban on the single-use plastic shopping bag. The voluntary efforts have been a good stepping stone to teach us to use the reusable bags. Now is the time to make reusable bags mandatory.

Thank you,
Christine Speak
851 Ewald Ave S
Salem 97302

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Christine Speak

Kali Leinenbach

From: jkjamieson1 <jkjamieson1@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 5:25 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Plastic bags

Dear Salem City Council,

I am in favor of the proposed banning of single use plastic bags in the retail setting. We have a major plastic recycling problem in the Central Pacific Ocean and this would assist in this problem.

I use reusable bags and receive 5 cents per use from WINCO.

Thanks

Jay Jamieson

557 Joseph Ct SE
Salem Oregon 97302

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From: Roberta A <robertaanne1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 7:44 AM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Plastic Bags

City Recorder:

I am in favor of NOT using plastic bags. Plastic is a big polluter and Salem should get on board the current movement to ban them.

Roberta Cade
PO Box 304
Salem OR 97308

Kali Leinenbach

From: Matt Puntney <puntney023@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 9:27 AM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Plastic Bag Ban

Please do not ban plastic bags in Salem. This topic has arisen time after time, city after city, and few seem to look at the science. There is no evidence to support any facts that claim plastic bags are worse for the environment than paper or reusable bags. Many studies claim quite the opposite, which I'm sure you are all aware of, so I won't repeat much here. But plastic bags are readily reusable also, in many ways. Liners for small garbage cans, dog doo, and many other items are easily picked up and discarded of thanks to plastic bags.

Reusable bags are heavier, shipped from China, therefore increasing the carbon footprint, and can accumulate bacteria like crazy. Very few people wash reusable bags and few understand the food safety element involved in the handling of these bags. Forcing someone to change a behavior and switch from something comfortable will not likely solve any problem, if there is a problem in the first place. But studies in San Francisco and Dallas (both have plastic bag bans) have indicated that there may be a link to increased bacterial outbreaks, ER visits, and other food borne illnesses since plastic bags have been banned.

And where would the ban end? What about produce bags that protect food from bacteria? Similar bags in the meat/deli department? Dog waste bags?

Paper bags use more material and tax an already heavily burdened natural resource. Plastic bags are a petroleum by-product that will be there whether they are turned into bags or not.

Arbitrarily banning bags for no scientific reason is a silly idea. Certainly the City of Salem has bigger issues to tackle than this. Encouraging citizens to reuse the bags, as well as promoting biodegradable bags made from plants may be a more meaningful solution.

Thank you,

Matthew Puntney, REHS

Kali Leinenbach

From: Sage Waitts <sagewaitts7@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 10:00 AM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Bags

YES on banning plastic bags. It's the responsible thing to do.

Sage Waitts

Kali Leinenbach

From: Erin Boers <boers.erin@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 10:11 AM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: single use plastic bags

Hello,

I support prohibiting retailers from providing plastic bags at checkout. I look forward to Salem joining the growing number of cities that are limiting plastic, and therefore are protecting the environment.

Thank you,

Erin

Kali Leinenbach

From: Karen Hartley <readinglist29@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 10:50 AM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Fwd: City Council to hold public hearing on single-use plastic bags on September 10

Dear Councilors,

I submit this written testimony in support of the proposed ordinance to reduce single-use plastic bags. While the plastics problem is world-wide, citizens through their city representatives must do our part and set an example. On our behalf, Salem's ordinance to reduce single-use plastic bags means we are not helpless - we can change our ways. This step is not big but it is in the right direction, and I urge councilors to pass the ordinance and continue to respond to massive problems with right actions.

Thank you,
Karen Hartley
1890 Rees Hill Rd. SE #210
Salem OR 97306

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From: **Nextdoor Cinnamon Hill** <reply@rs.email.nextdoor.com>
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Subject: City Council to hold public hearing on single-use plastic bags on September 10
To: <readinglist29@gmail.com>

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From: Susan Robbins <susan8506@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 10:51 AM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: City Council to hold public hearing on single-use plastic bags on September 10

I would like to express my support for this measure.

I live in West Salem and shop at Roths, Safeway, Grocery Outlet, Natural Grocers, LifeSource and Trader Joes

My only question / concern is in regard to the following:

" • Retailers would not be required to charge this fee if the customer is low-income and receives government assistance in the form of WIC, or receives benefits as part of the SNAP program, such as Oregon Trail cards"

As charging for bags is what will incentivise those who have not already switched to using Reusable bag, it seems this defeats the point. Paying once or twice or walking back to one's car a few times is what solidifies the change in our minds.

Natural Grocers keeps some boxes at the front of the store If you forget your reusable bag you can use a box. They have NO one time use bags, paper or plastic to offer.

Susan Robbins

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From: Latham Stack <lstackms@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 11:00 AM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Yes: plastic bag ban

Dear Salem City Council,
I strongly urge you to institute a plastic bag ban, as a voting Salem resident.

This should have been done years ago. Please now rectify the past irresponsibility of City leadership.

Respectfully yours,
Latham Stack
585 Winter St NE, Salem
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From: Connie Strong <conniestrong@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 11:10 AM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: single use plastic bags

The world does not need more plastic bags. My personal experience is that people adapt very easily to the ban and learn to bring their own bags if they don't want paper. Stores like Trader Joes have long provided attractive reusable bags for very low cost.

Connie Strong
Court-Chemeketa Neighborhood

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From: Share Short <zenariver08@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 11:55 AM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Yes Ban Plastic Bags

Please ban plastic bags. The litter is out of control and destroying our environment.

Sheila Snow

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From: Holstege, Kimber <Kimber.Holstege@fnf.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 1:18 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: City Council Meeting on Single Use Plastic bags

I will be unable to attend the meeting but wanted to voice my opinion.

I feel like you are pushing the wrong solution here. Not only do you want to ban stores from using smaller plastic bags but you are also going to make consumers pay for paper ones? Why not force the stores in town who excessively use the plastic bags to use paper? Or if there truly needs to be some compensation then let the consumer still have the option for paper or plastic but charge the small fee for the plastic. I personally prefer paper bags 80% of the time, but I do like to get the plastic ones from time to time as I reuse both paper and plastic in my home. Furthermore, if you are going to force this change on consumers, it should be for ALL consumers, low-income consumers are still consumers and should be charged the same as everyone.

Respectfully,

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From: NoReply on behalf of wimmerk@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 9:17 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Contact City Council
Attachments: ATT00001.bin

Your Name	Randall K Wimmer
Your Email	wimmerk@aol.com
Your Phone	5039495839
Street	1940 Popcorn ST NW
City	SALEM
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	<p>Subject: Ordinance to Reduce Single-Use Plastic Bags Honorable Mayor and City Council Members, I think the proposed ordinance makes sense as far as removing some plastic from the waste stream, although we have always recycled used plastic bags at the bin in the store or re-used for other purposes. If stores are allowed to charge a fee for paper bags, another group that should be exempt from the paper bag fee are elder citizens on a fixed budget. Please consider the recent bonds that will increase property taxes, not to mention the ever increasing cost of health care. The savings won't amount to much, but will acknowledge elderly citizens dilemma of meeting a budget for those NOT on a government subsidy program. Thanks for your consideration and if possible include my comments in public testimony. Randall K Wimmer</p>

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