

Amy Johnson

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of donnajbleiler@msn.com
Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2018 4:44 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Contact City Council
Attachments: ATT00001.bin

Your Name	Donna Bleiler
Your Email	donnajbleiler@msn.com
Street	420 King St S
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97302
Message	Please stop thinking you are the rulers of the universe and use your efforts to resolve real Salem issues. Banning plastic bags is an overreach that dictates choices. We aren't the instigators of ocean plastics. Paper doesn't biograde any faster than plastic. People reuse plastic bags, but rarely reuse paper bags, so have you considered the increase in land fill that paper will cause? Not to mention they take up more space than plastic. Recycle plastic bag centers support repurposing. If the council really wants to resolve the plastic garbage problem, why doesn't the Council pursue garbage disposal in Brooks to turn it into electricity? It's the ultimate recycling for plastics. Otherwise, stay out of our grocery shopping choices and get back to working on something that really matters.

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Amy Johnson

From: Brandi Champagne <a.brandilyn@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2018 9:10 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: In support of single-use plastic bag restrictions

Good evening,

I am in support of the Salem City Council's proposed ordinance to reduce single-use plastic bags. Thank you for getting the ball rolling on this; similar ordinances have worked really well in other cities in which I've lived.

Andrea Champagne
2532 Dragon Fly Ct. SE
Salem, OR 97306

Amy Johnson

From: editor film <solbjerghojfilm@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 05, 2018 9:16 AM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Ordinance to Restrict Single Use Plastic Bags

The Honorable Chuck Bennett, Mayor
Members of City Council
City Hall
555 Liberty Street SE
Salem, Oregon 97301

The Pringle Creek Watershed Council supports the concept of restricting single use plastic bags.

Plastic is becoming and has become a serious environmental ruination, in our waterways, in our natural areas, in our parks. Mostly recently in Bush's Pasture, white oaks (*Quercus garryana*) were taken down from disease, and in the hollows of the upper reaches were found plastic bags. This material is not biodegradable, and has a long term effect, negative effect on our waterways and the biota of natural resources.

In recycling, "plastic bags are among the worst offenders at sorting facilities, where they gum up the machinery, slowing down the recycling process or halting it altogether" Livia Albeck-Ripka, NYT August 26, 2018. A functioning recycling system is critical to reducing waste on the land and along and in our creeks.

An ordinance would be a positive City step to reduce the rubbish on our landscape and in our waters, and to improve recycling. Our sister municipalities have adopted similar ordinances, e.g., Corvallis, McMinnville, Forest Grove.

Sincerely,

Jon Christenson
president
Pringle Creek Watershed Council

Amy Johnson

From: Salem Progressive Film Series <salemprogressivefilmseries@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 05, 2018 9:24 AM
To: citycouncil; Chuck Bennett
Subject: Recent photos of Salem citizens

Dear Mayor Bennett and Salem City Councilors,

I wanted to share some photos with you that were taken at the Grand Theatre on April 17, 2018, after a discussion about the impact of plastic bags on our environment. The photos are of local Salem citizens, (registered voters).

I put the photo in an iCloud album that can be found here (over 75 Salem voters): <https://www.icloud.com/sharedalbum/#B0E5qXGF1sgPwh>

If you click on a photo, you'll be able to download it.

Thank you for taking the time to view them. And thank you for your work to ban single use plastic bags in our city.

Sincerely,
Cindy Kimball
1260 21st Street NE
Salem, Oregon 97301

Amy Johnson

From: Karen Kramer <karenkramer61@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 02, 2018 6:17 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Single Use Plastic Bags

I was introduced to multi-use bags years ago from my daughter who lives in Portland. In fact, all my fruits and vegetables just go in the grocery basket or cart.

I keep my most frequently used bags in the front seat. It's rare that I forget them. I've collected several various sizes. Reusable bags are sturdy, hold WAY more products, and c'mon...it's super easy!

I hear the excuse that people forget to take them in. So here's my take on it: When it's a priority you will not forget. Place the bag(s) right back by a key location: by purse, hang on or next to where you enter and exit your home- you get the idea. And if you get in to the store, turn around (rain or shine) to get your bags. If all else fails, most grocery stores have paper, but don't offer it; ask each and every time. Again, when it matters you'll do it and be so glad you changed.

Some other reasons people "need" their plastic bags: I line my waste baskets with plastic bags; I pick up dog poop; I take my lunch in them. Anyone can find alternatives to plastic bags. Newspaper, those newsprint mailers folks receive; purchase biodegradable (not plastic) dog poop bags. Your going to wash your fruit and veggies (I hope) anyway, so don't grab the plastic - just put them in the cart. Plus there are reusable cloth and mesh bags for produce, probably in the same store you shop.

Buy one for a buck or two at check-out if you forget your bag(s)

If at a restaurant and the kind folks try to put your take away boxes in a plastic bag, just say you don't use them and carry your stuff. People take pause, but what I find is more praise that pause. And if you are doing all take away with many boxes, bring your own bag.

BYOB has a new meaning. Please remember the fun acronym. It's not just about beer/booze anymore! 😊👍

Google questions about plastic alternatives. Just do the next, right thing.

Salem: Please ditch straws, take-away containers, and cups too!

Thank you for your time.

Amy Johnson

From: Erica Martin <erica.martin03@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2018 8:52 AM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: In support of plastic bag ban

It has come to my attention that many are opposed to a single-use plastic bag ban in Salem, however I have yet to hear a valid reason why. I've heard concerns about interrupted plastic bag crafting, the disappearance of dog poop baggies, outrage over needing to purchase 20+ reusable bags to get groceries home (which seems like overkill considering the volume of those bags), concerns over low income families (which appears to be covered in the ordinance), outrage over the control of progressive liberals, blame shifting pollution problems onto China and numerous other self-indulgent "concerns" that lack logic and knowledge on the subject of the detriment these bags are to the planet.

I just wanted to offer my voice in the slew of negative voices to say I support the ban 100% and I'm happy with the way the ordinance was written and the thought that went into how to make this transition from single-use bags successful. I hope the city council can see this to fruition.

Gratefully,

Erica Martin, long-time Salem citizen

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Erica Martin

Amy Johnson

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of Milanlm@yahoo.com
Sent: Monday, September 03, 2018 3:24 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Contact City Council
Attachments: ATT00001.bin

Your Name	Lorraine Milam
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Street	1998 Court St NE
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97301
Message	Re: Plastic Bags I wholeheartedly support reducing plastic bag waste. I have seen it work in Los Angeles where if you want a bag it costs you ten cents. That might be a fall back position. It's the least we can do as we are saddling future generations with the problems of climate change. At least we can reduce plastic waste. Lorraine Milan

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Amy Johnson

From: Rachael Spada <rachaelspada@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2018 11:22 AM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Plastic bag ban

Dear Council Members,

My family supports a city plastic bag ban for the following reasons:

1. Plastic bags are wasteful.
2. The manufacturing process of single use plastic is harmful to our planet.
3. Single use plastics pollute our oceans, killing birds and marine life.
4. We believe that it is our responsibility to be good stewards of our community by decreasing our environmental footprint.

I encourage you to decide in favor of banning plastic bags and I suggest that you consider banning styrofoam food containers as well.

Thank you,
Rachael Spada Grimmett

Amy Johnson

From: Lori Swain <lori.swain@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 01, 2018 12:26 AM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Support for the plastic bag ordinance

Hi,

My name is Lori Swain and I am a resident of Salem, living at 1865 5th St NE, 97301.

I am unable to attend the Sept 10 public hearing about the ordinance to reduce single use plastic bags.

I am writing to express my strong support of the proposed ordinance. Eliminating single use plastic bags in our community is a small but powerful way that Salem can be part of global efforts to improve the quality of our environment. It is in the aggregate of decisions like these in communities across the globe where we will truly see a benefit. If we don't join the other 8 Oregon cities in this effort, who else will?

Thank you for considering such an ordinance. I strongly encourage City Council to vote in favor of the ordinance to reduce single use plastic bags in our community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lori Swain

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Sent from a tiny device with fat thumbs Lori Swain MN CNM 503-302-1894

Amy Johnson

From: Karen <tokyopa@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, August 31, 2018 12:40 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: plastic bag ban

We use plastic bags more than once. They usually get more than one use. There are many disabled people who use plastic bags because paper sacks many times have no handles, tear easily and are useless when wet. The county and the city pulled a shock to the public when; after many years of training students, families, individuals and companies, non-profits, to totally change all of our good habits of recycling to hardly be able to recycle anything anymore. At least we can make numerous uses of plastic bags. The city at this point is showing wrong priorities. I think it is good to care about the environment, but the city could care less whether grocery stores and vast other numbers of businesses must rid of their plastic bags at a cost to the store while hit with so many other fees by our state and local governments. The city needs to work on other city agenda like figuring out what to do when Detroit Lake is drained affecting our water supply and building a third bridge. Stop the political agenda that divides us and get down to what you were elected to do!

Karen Torihara

Amy Johnson

From: Warren & Polly Williamson <warpolwilliamson@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2018 8:35 AM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Plastic bag ban plan

Please don't ban the use of plastic bags, I find them very useful as I use them for many purposes and recycle them. Thank you.

Instead, please use your influence for building another bridge over the Willamette to alleviate some of the traffic congestion.

Thank you for your efforts on behalf of your citizens.

Amy Johnson

From: Jen Woody <jen2woody@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 30, 2018 9:21 AM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Plastic bags

I support the plastic bag ban.
Jen Woody

Sent from a mobile device