



# CITY OF SALEM

## Written Testimony

### City Council

555 Liberty St SE  
Salem, OR 97301

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**Monday, May 14, 2018**

**6:00 PM**

**Council Chambers**

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**5.c.**    [18-221](#)    Motion from Councilor Tom Andersen regarding banning single-use plastic bags.

Ward(s): All Wards  
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Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

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Street	4520 Matthews Loop South
City	Salem
State	OR
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Message	<p>Rather than banning plastic grocery bags, ban those huge drink containers that places like Circle K sell. Make them go to reusable containers. My husband and I attend Liberty Christian Church which faces Skyline Blvd. There is a large number of people that walk through our parking lot on a daily basis to go to Circle K. Some are responsible and dispose of those cups responsibly, but a large number end up beside Circle K, in the creek next to it, left in our church parking lot or are tossed in the swale in front of the church. That amount of sweet drink is not healthy for anyone. Those cups are single use unlike plastic garbage bags and make a mess for the city and property owners to clean up!</p>

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Message	<p>I urge the Council NOT to adopt a plastic bag ban. Although I bring my reusable bags when I go grocery shopping, I do put my meat in a plastic bag and if i am buying cleaning supplies those go in a separate plastic bag. It just seems appropriate for health and safety. Also plastic bags rarely have a single use. In my house, we use them for bathroom garbage. If we go on a picnic, plastic grocery bags are an easy way to collect garbage to dispose of in the nearest garbage can. I see neighbors using them to collect pet waste. They are great for parents to put dirty diapers in before putting them in a garbage can especially when they are out and about. A plastic bag makes a great place to put wet, dirty shoes and clothes until one can get home. Teachers use plastic garbage bags to send books and work home with students. Especially in our wet weather, that is important Not every student has a backpack or brings it every day. I have non-perishable food in a plastic garbage bag ready to set out on Saturday for the mail carriers food drive. Banning plastic grocery bags is not very tourist friendly. When we go to the Eugene area and I forget my bags, I just carry purchases out to my car. If you ban plastic garbage bags, how do you plan to handle people enjoying picnics in our parks? Rather than banning plastic grocery bags, let's reward people for using reusable bags. Maybe the city can work with sponsors to sell reusable bags to residents. Right now they are at least \$1.00 in the store. Being able to sell them for 50 cents or less might be an incentive to use them, Just my opinion Just my opinion</p>

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