



CITY OF SALEM

Written Testimony

City Council

555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97301

Monday, August 27, 2018

6:00 PM

Council Chambers

7.1 a. [18-383](#)

An ordinance bill relating to single-use plastic bags

Ward(s): All Wards

Councilor(s): All Councilors

Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods

Attachments: [Ordinance Bill No. 20-18](#)

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From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of akrolufs@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, August 27, 2018 1:47 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Contact City Council
Attachments: ATT00001.bin

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City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	<p>Dear City council members I am writing to urge you to pass the pan on plastic bags for the city of Salem. Plastic bag bans have worked successfully in many cities. People who complain that it will be a hardship do adjust once they develop some new habits. It is not hard to carry bags with you and many stores offer reusable bags for under a dollar. Changing habits for how and what we throw out is essential. We cannot continue inflict plastic bags on the environment simply because some find them useful. The damage to our water, oceans, wildlife and even ourselves is too great for any one to justify. I think it would help with public acceptance if there is a cooperative effort from stores and newspapers to educate people and give them suggestions of how to handle both their shopping and disposing needs. Thank you so much for deciding to address this issue. I sincerely hope you follow through with the ban. Sincerely Ann Rolufs</p>

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Ruth Stellmacher

From: Lora Meisner <lmgb@earthlink.net>
Sent: Sunday, August 26, 2018 2:00 PM
To: Chuck Bennett; citycouncil
Subject: re: Ban on Plastic Bags

Regarding the proposed ordinance to ban plastic bags in Salem, it's about time for us to make some changes to get plastic out of our environment. So yes, please start doing something to help our planet.

Is our planet choking on plastic? Yes. Will this ban make a difference? It will help. If we keep waiting for perfect we miss starting to do something. Many scientists have predicted that in 30+ years there will be more plastic than fish in our oceans. What a sad commentary and what a terrible legacy to leave our children and grandchildren. Right now the plastic gyre in the Pacific is larger than Texas and contains over 1.8 TRILLION pieces of plastic. It's time to move in a positive direction for our environment.

Next we need to change our tree ordinance.....the deforestation and clear cutting of trees in south Salem is environmentally negligent and totally irresponsible. There's nothing to absorb our storm water runoff or filter the polluted water before it gets into our streams and rivers. If we really want to make an impact on our environment, banning plastic bags helps but stopping the clear cutting of our forests in south Salem would make a much bigger impact. Please consider moving in that direction.

Thank you.

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