

**Ruth Stellmacher**

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**From:** noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of b-lmiller@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Friday, May 11, 2018 2:49 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
**Subject:** Contact City Council  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.bin

**Categories:** Council Dox

Your Name	Linda Miller
Your Email	b-lmiller@comcast.net
Your Phone	5035813938
Street	4520 Matthews Loop South
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97302
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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**From:** noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of b-lmiller@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Friday, May 11, 2018 2:08 PM  
**To:** citycouncil  
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Your Name	Linda Miller
Your Email	b-lmiller@comcast.net
Your Phone	5035813938
Street	4520 Matthews Loop South
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97302
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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## Kali Leinenbach

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**From:** Kali Leinenbach  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 03, 2018 4:44 PM  
**To:** Kali Leinenbach  
**Subject:** FW: bag ban  
**Attachments:** McMinnvilleFinalPlasticBagOrdinance.pdf

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**From:** Steve McCoid  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 17, 2018 2:37 PM  
**To:** Steve Powers <[SPowers@cityofsalem.net](mailto:SPowers@cityofsalem.net)>; Tom Andersen <[TAndersen@cityofsalem.net](mailto:TAndersen@cityofsalem.net)>  
**Subject:** Fw: bag ban

Steve and Tom

Here is language for a plastic bag ban provided to me by the grocery industry association lobbyist. This is the language used in the McMinnville ordinance according to Sean Miller, the lobbyist. The industry agreed to this ordinance so seems like a good spot from which to begin the process.

Steve

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**From:** Miller Public Affairs <[Shawn@MillerPublicAffairs.com](mailto:Shawn@MillerPublicAffairs.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 16, 2018 10:27 AM  
**To:** Steve McCoid  
**Cc:** Amanda Dalton  
**Subject:** bag ban

Steve,

Good talking to you this morning. Attached is the most recent ordinance that McMinnville adopted that the grocers and the environmental community supports. I'm happy to work with staff so all my contact info is below. Thanks!



Shawn Miller  
PO Box 12732  
Salem, Oregon 97309  
503.551.7738 p

## Ryan Zink

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**From:** Kacey Duncan  
**Sent:** Friday, May 25, 2018 10:44 AM  
**To:** Ryan Zink; Kali Leinenbach  
**Subject:** FW: Contact City Council  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.bin

FYI

**From:** noreply@cityofsalem.net [mailto:noreply@cityofsalem.net] **On Behalf Of** charles.ippoliti@GMAIL.com  
**Sent:** Friday, May 25, 2018 9:30 AM  
**To:** citycouncil <citycouncil@cityofsalem.net>  
**Subject:** Contact City Council

Your Name	Charles Ippoliti
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Your Phone	541-760-7223
Street	Lawnridge St NE
City	Keizer
State	OR
Zip	97303
Message	<p>I live in Keizer but do a lot of my shopping in Salem. I am opposed to the plastic bag ban that the Salem City Council is proposing. My wife and I use plastic grocery bags as trash bags. Many of our friends do the same thing. Banning plastic bags would require us, and many others, to buy plastic bags thus increasing the production of plastic bags. As you know, producing plastic is an environmentally toxic process so by reusing existing plastic bags we can reduce this toxic manufacturing. Using plastic bags as trash bags helps the environment by taking care of two of the three "R"s, reducing the amount of new plastic bags and reusing existing plastic bags. There really is no good logic in banning plastic bags other than making a statement. It really does no good for the environment since new bags will be produce for trash bags anyway. If the City Council is concerned about grocery bags left around the city creating eyesores, may I suggest hiring some homeless people to pick them up? A 5 cent plastic bag fee could be instituted to pay for it. That would help solve multiple problems and one that I'm more than willing to pay a 5 cent tax on plastic grocery bags to see implemented. By the way, my wife and I also use canvas bags to bring home groceries.</p>

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June 5, 2018

Mayor Chuck Bennett  
Salem City Council  
555 Liberty St SE Room 220  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Mayor and Members of the Salem City Council:

As you consider a plastic bag ban in Salem, Roth's encourages you to follow suit with the majority of other cities in Oregon that have successfully created a program that is good for our environment while avoiding shifting higher food costs to our customers.

At Roth's, we pride ourselves on being good stewards of the environment. For several years we have focused on recycling and reuse where ever possible. We even became EarthWISE Certified last year with Marion County. (See our 2017 recycling statistics attached.)

Roth's does NOT oppose the plastic bag ban, but we strongly encourage you to adopt the same provisions as McMinnville and other cities in Oregon. Most significantly is the 5 cent fee for recycled paper bags. Unfortunately, paper bags are much more costly than plastic and a shift in the law, without the fee, places the increased cost burden entirely on the retailer. This 5-cent fee will help with the extra costs incurred:

The current plastic bag cost is 3.6 cents.

The current paper bag cost is 12.3 cents.

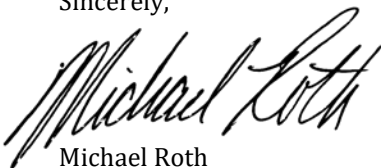
For example, the current McMinnville City Ordinance is working very well with the 5-cent fee. It has slightly increased our costs, but we continue to charge the same prices for groceries in McMinnville as we do in Salem. However, if the 5-cent fee was not in place, our costs would increase between \$35,000 and \$40,000 a year per Salem store. These numbers would cause Roth's to raise shelf prices to cover this significant increase in expenses. Grocers work on such slim margins, I would suspect the other grocers in town would have to do the same.

More importantly, the 5-cents fee is an incentive for consumers to bring their own reusable bags, or reuse paper bags. To really save the environment, the best option is reusable grocery bags. We like to think of the 5 cents on paper as a gentle reminder to reuse bags whenever possible.

We are opposed to adding a second 5¢ fee per each paper bag (10¢ total per bag). Placing a costly and administratively burdensome city-wide "sales tax" on grocery bags forces the Salem retailers to serve as a new point of collection and remittance system for the City and penalizes Salem citizens and Salem grocers.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to working with the city on the proposed ordinance.

Sincerely,



Michael Roth  
President & CEO  
Roth's Fresh Markets

*From the Roth's Employee Newsletter 2018 showing how much we recycle per year.*



**TODD, RFC MAINTENANCE, HELPING LOAD  
CARDBOARD BALES FOR RECYCLING.**

## **REMAINING GREEN YEAR AFTER YEAR!**

Roth's made a commitment years ago to be "**GREEN**", not just the color scheme of the company, but to make sure we are good stewards to the environment. We have taken recycling serious for many, many years.

Last year we were recognized by Marion County as an Earth Wise Certified Business.

Let's all do what we can to minimize waste and recycle wherever possible!



**PLASTIC FILM**  
RECYCLED PER YEAR

**12.91 TONS**

**OFFICE SCRAPS**  
(PAPER) RECYCLED PER YEAR

**26.27 TONS**

**CARDBOARD**  
RECYCLED PER YEAR

**689.46 TONS**

Juanita Streetland 97302  
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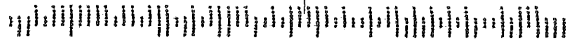
Dear Mr. Anderson,  
I am writing to support  
your efforts to ban  
single use plastic  
bags at check-out  
counters.

Sincerely,  
Juanita Streetland

#PostcardsFromThePeople.com

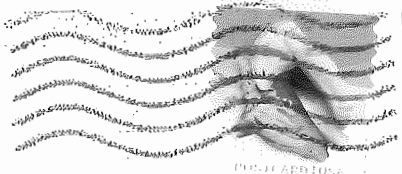
Councilor Tom Anderson  
c/o City Council  
555 Liberty St SE  
Room 220  
Salem, OR 97301

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my VOICE.



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NAME PORTLAND ZIP CODE 972

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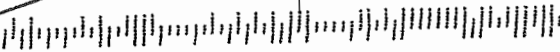
I am writing in  
the ordinance to  
ban check out  
plastic bags  
in stores

#PostcardsFromThePeople.com

Councilor  
Tom Anderson  
c/o City Council  
555 Liberty St SE  
Salem, OR Rm 220

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HEAR  
my VOICE.



G. Pullman @ Salem, Oregon  
NAME PORTLAND ZIP CODE 972

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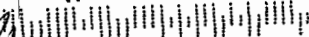


Thank You  
Councilor Andersen  
for introducing the  
ordinance that would  
ban single-use  
plastic bags in Salem.  
Maybe continue on  
to deposits for more  
cans & bottles. Gary.

#PostcardsFromThePeople.com

Tom Andersen  
555 Liberty SE  
Rm 220  
Salem, Oregon  
97301

HEAR  
my VOICE.



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## Ryan Zink

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**Subject:** RE: Contact City Council

**From:** [noreply@cityofsalem.net](mailto:noreply@cityofsalem.net) [mailto:[noreply@cityofsalem.net](mailto:noreply@cityofsalem.net)] On Behalf Of [millionfreckles@gmail.com](mailto:millionfreckles@gmail.com)

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 08, 2018 8:40 AM

**To:** citycouncil <[citycouncil@cityofsalem.net](mailto:citycouncil@cityofsalem.net)>

**Subject:** Contact City Council

Your Name	Corinne Wingett
Your Email	<a href="mailto:millionfreckles@gmail.com">millionfreckles@gmail.com</a>
Your Phone	5039491353
Street	1745 Macaw St Nw
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	<p>I'm frustrated with the proposed ban on plastic bags. I'm all for zero waste, but I have several concerns. I reuse ALL of the bags I get or buy from the stores. My plastic bags are used for items like urine and bowel accidents, lining my garbage cans, emptying the cat box, puking in the back seat of a car with car sick children, protecting my fruit and vegetables, covering items that might spill or leak in transit. The bags at the store are smaller which means I use less plastic. I am a preschool teacher and a mom to a special needs child, I reuse plastic bags routinely for accidents that the children and my child has had so their wet clothes don't contaminate everything it touches. I have to use plastic bags to dispose of garbage, I cannot get around that, I think I'm a much better steward of our resources when I use less. So even if the city council bans plastic bags I will still be using them, however rather than reusing the bags, they will be single use (which again I feel is a unnecessary waste). What happens at Christmas time with my children and I buy a larger item for my children? By having a large plastic bag I'm able to hide the gift and then later reuse the bag, in the past I've reused them to store outdoor pillows during the winter, or for donations to the UGM. If the city council goes through with this, I'll still be using the same amount of plastic if not more which frustrates me. I will also choose to do my shopping in other local cities because I would rather reuse my bags then have to buy one use plastic bags. If this really reduced waste I'd be behind it 100%, but it hurts not helps. Educate people so they use paper or reusable bags when they need to and don't waste plastic bags, but rather reuse the bags.</p>

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## Ryan Zink

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**From:** Ruth Stellmacher  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 08, 2018 2:30 PM  
**To:** Kali Leinenbach; Ryan Zink  
**Subject:** FW: Support ban of plastic bags

**From:** Erin Lange [mailto:[emslange@gmail.com](mailto:emslange@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 08, 2018 2:29 PM  
**To:** citycouncil <[citycouncil@cityofsalem.net](mailto:citycouncil@cityofsalem.net)>  
**Subject:** Support ban of plastic bags

Good afternoon,

I recently read that the Salem City Council is considering a ban on plastic grocery bags. I support this proposed ban and would also support a 5 cent charge for paper bags. People should be encouraged to utilize reusable bags or bring their paper bags with them when they shop. Unfortunately, it seems financial incentives are the most effective for most of us.

Thank you for your consideration,

Erin Lange

Resident of W. Salem

## Kali Leinenbach

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**From:** Ruth Stellmacher  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 14, 2018 8:13 AM  
**To:** Kali Leinenbach; Ryan Zink  
**Subject:** FW: Contact City Council  
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**From:** noreply@cityofsalem.net [mailto:noreply@cityofsalem.net] **On Behalf Of** A502SFGA@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Friday, August 10, 2018 8:56 PM  
**To:** citycouncil <citycouncil@cityofsalem.net>  
**Subject:** Contact City Council

Your Name	Bob Hawley
Your Email	<a href="mailto:A502SFGA@yahoo.com">A502SFGA@yahoo.com</a>
Your Phone	503-845-6126
Street	Marquam St
City	Mt Angel
State	OR
Zip	97362
Message	<p>I know you're going to join the list of other cities that delight in taking our freedoms away by banning plastic bags. We live in Mt Angel, but shop almost exclusively in Salem. It's incorrect to label plastic bags as "single use," as the media and environmental whackos' propaganda proclaims. We use them to line waste baskets, pick up dog poop, and many other ways. The only thing you'll accomplish by such a misguided action is to make life more difficult for the rest of us. Instead of using the free plastic bags, we'll have to buy bags to line the garbage cans and pick up the dog poop. Which will still put plastic into the precious environment. So you see, you haven't accomplished anything but make a bunch of do-gooders feel warm and fuzzy, while the rest of us lose just another freedom. Most of us would just like to be left alone to live our lives, but government, especially when it's controlled by the power-hungry left, just can't sit still without thinking up more idiotic rules and laws.</p>

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## Kali Leinenbach

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**From:** Ruth Stellmacher  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 16, 2018 12:50 PM  
**To:** Kali Leinenbach; Ryan Zink  
**Subject:** FW: Contact City Council  
**Attachments:** ATT00001.bin

**From:** noreply@cityofsalem.net [mailto:noreply@cityofsalem.net] **On Behalf Of** Forester.seth@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 16, 2018 12:10 PM  
**To:** citycouncil <citycouncil@cityofsalem.net>  
**Subject:** Contact City Council

Your Name	Seth Barnes
Your Email	<a href="mailto:Forester.seth@gmail.com">Forester.seth@gmail.com</a>
Your Phone	5037794509
Street	531 W Hills Way NW
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97304
Message	<p>Please do NOT ban the use of plastic bags by area grocers. My family uses these bags to not only carry groceries, but we re-use them in the home for many purposes. In a family with many children, providing food and groceries is no small task. From the cost of food, to the logistics of grocery shopping, it is a lot of work. Plastic bags are the most practical method of carrying items from the store to the vehicle and into the house. Our family is full of teenage boys and small children. We consume a lot of food. And notwithstanding our efforts to grind our own wheat, make our own bread, grow our own garden, etc, we still end up spending significant money at local grocery stores. When we leave a grocery store, it is not uncommon for us to have approximately 20 to 30 bags full of produce and products. Those individual plastic bags are routinely re-used in our household for a variety of purposes; trash bags, bags to carry donation items to goodwill, storing clothing or items for future uses, etc. The point being, that these bags are not only extremely useful in the first instance, they also provide their own utility and keep us from needing to purchase other plastic bags or containers in the stores. Banning the use of these bags would be a direct hardship and cost to area families, including my own- and I suspect that many retired or single individuals with smaller grocery bills, and more disposable income would not understand. It is an elitist action, that impacts larger families with smaller incomes at a much greater proportion. There are other ways to incentivize recycling and reusing items to reduce impacts and landfills. Please DO NOT take this action. Thank you.</p>

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