

Ruth Stellmacher

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
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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

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

From: Steve McCoid
Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2018 2:37 PM
To: Steve Powers <SPowers@cityofsalem.net>; Tom Andersen <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

From: Miller Public Affairs <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

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
Your Email	charles.ippoliti@GMAIL.com
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.

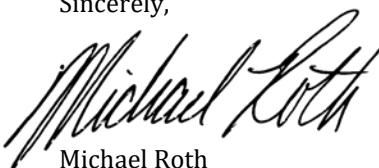
For example, the current McMinnville City Ordinance is working very well with the 5-cent fee. It has slightly increased our costs, but we continue to charge the same prices for groceries in McMinnville as we do in Salem. However, if the 5-cent fee was not in place, our costs would increase between \$35,000 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!

GREEN"

PLASTIC FILM

RECYCLED PER YEAR

12.91 TONS

OFFICE SCRAPS

(PAPER) RECYCLED PER YEAR

26.27 TONS

CARDBOARD

RECYCLED PER YEAR

689.46 TONS

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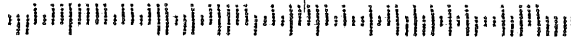
Dear Mr. Anderson,
I am writing to support
your efforts to ban
single use plastic
bags at check-out
counters.

Sincerely,
Jwaith 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.

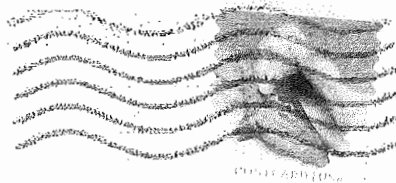


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PORTLAND ZIP CODE 972

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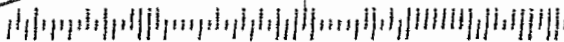
I am writing in
the ordinance to
ban check out
plastic bags
in stores

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Councilor
Tom Anderson
40 City Council
555 Liberty St SE
Salem, OR 97302

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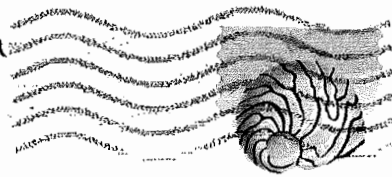


G. Pullman @ Salem, Oregon

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.

IP 22

Ryan Zink

Subject: RE: Contact City Council

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

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

To: citycouncil <citycouncil@cityofsalem.net>

Subject: Contact City Council

Your Name	Corinne Wingett
Your Email	millionfreckles@gmail.com
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

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]
Sent: Wednesday, August 08, 2018 2:29 PM
To: citycouncil <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

From: Ruth Stellmacher
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 8:13 AM
To: Kali Leinenbach; Ryan Zink
Subject: FW: Contact City Council
Attachments: ATT00001.bin

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	A502SFGA@yahoo.com
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

From: Ruth Stellmacher
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 12:50 PM
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** 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	Forester.seth@gmail.com
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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Ruth Stellmacher

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

Your Name	Ann Rolufs
Your Email	akrolufs@gmail.com
Your Phone	5039997873
Street	4395 2nd st NW
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.

Lora Meisner
1347 Spyglass Court SE
Salem, OR 97306
503-588-6924

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

Kali Leinenbach

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

Kali Leinenbach

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

Kali Leinenbach

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

Kali Leinenbach

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

Kali Leinenbach

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

Kali Leinenbach

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

Kali Leinenbach

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

Kali Leinenbach

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>
Date: Tue, Aug 28, 2018 at 4:25 PM
Subject: City Council to hold public hearing on single-use plastic bags on September 10
To: <readinglist29@gmail.com>

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Kali Leinenbach

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

Kali Leinenbach

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
lstackms@gmail.com

Kali Leinenbach

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

Kali Leinenbach

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

Kali Leinenbach

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,

Kimber Holstege

System Administrator | Northwest IT Division
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Kali Leinenbach

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Sent: Wednesday, August 29, 2018 9:17 AM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Contact City Council
Attachments: ATT00001.bin

Your Name	Randall K Wimmer
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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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Amy Johnson

From: Bruce Lang <blangslang75@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 08, 2018 10:13 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Plastic Bag Ban

We are in full support of the ban as written. Please Pass this!

Beuce and Susan Lang

Amy Johnson

From: Johnathon Browe <johnathonbrowe@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 7:32 AM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Ordinance to reduce the use of single-use plastic bags

I think that the banning of plastic bags is something that we can do without. Plastic bags are not that big of a problem some people re use them for other things. They are also more efficient than paper bags that tear and rip because we all know we won't end up with the good sturdy paper bags with handles.

Also if you want to ban something it should be put to a vote. Most Salem residents I have talked to are tired of ordinances and the city of Salem decideing things for us without us voting for it. The government is supposed to be for the people by the people. Don't make changes that should be on a ballot.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Amy Johnson

From: Matt and April Davis <mattandaprildavis@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 06, 2018 9:57 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Plastic bag ban.

I'm weighing in your proposed ban of single-use plastic grocery bags.

I haven't bought "garbage bags" in years. I re-use my plastic grocery bags as garbage bags. I re-use my plastic bags when scooping litter boxes for my 2 cats. The bags with tiny holes we use while camping as trash bags.

90% of Americans re-use them in similar ways. Many save them up and return them to the store for recycling.

They are a by- product of natural gas drilling. Studies show they disintegrate faster in landfills than traditional plastic garbage bags.

They are a tax on the working class. A plastic bag ban will force me to either pay for paper bags every time I shop, or buy re-usable bags.

SNAP recipients get their paper bags for free.

When I look at the streets of Salem, which in my opinion have gotten dirtier in the 24 years I've lived here, it's not grocery bags I see. It's garbage from the never ending parade of homeless using our city as a toilet. It's starting to resemble Portland, LA, San Francisco and Seattle. Those cities have a bag ban, by the way.

I strongly encourage you to keep these things in mind and do not ban plastic bags. It is not good for Salem.

Thank you.

April Davis

Amy Johnson

From: Elliot Groeneveld <Elliot@wrgncpas.com>
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2018 12:11 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: No to a ban on plastic bags

The desire to ban plastic bags is all based on false promises of saving the environment and reducing plastic in the ocean. But studies show most of the plastic in the ocean is coming from other countries. Plastic bags work because they are cheap and easy to handle. They are recyclable and reusable. Ours becoming waste basket liners or for dog poo...

We've tried the reusable bags but they get soiled and dirty. Also we forget them and the cost to get 20 reusable bags for our big grocery trips is insane.

And no plastic bags will be another reason to not shop in Salem. We can go to Keizer, Woodburn, Albany, etc...just as easily.

Sorry, but I think it is dumb to ban plastic bags.

Elliot

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Amy Johnson

From: KAREN R HEUBERGER <ejkroheub@comcast.net>
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2018 1:59 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Regarding September 10 Council Meeting: Plastic Bags

Salem City Council:

I am a citizen and resident of Salem; specifically south Salem. I urge the city council to be pro choice: pro individual free choice and liberty regarding the "single use plastic bag".

The plastic bags aren't just "one use". They are used in our household to line the kitchen garbage pail, to serve as car waste bag receptacle, to pick up pet waste, to haul papers. If not re-purposing a plastic grocery bag, a specially manufactured bag would need to be produced for the aforementioned uses.

One rationale for eliminating single use plastic bags is to protect the environment and animals. But our garbage in Salem goes to the Brooks garbage burner and gets incinerated into powder. So that argument about not breaking down in a landfill is vacuous.

Because the proposal would treat WIC or SNAP recipients preferentially, the average working middle class person yet again gets treated differently/hammered by big government do-gooders.

I urge the city council members to not ban plastic bags. Please continue to allow free choice and individual liberty. Those who prefer to bring reusable bags along when shopping certainly can and should do so. Those who prefer a plastic bag may still be able to use them.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

K. R. Heuberger

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503-375-6270

Amy Johnson

From: ARTHUR HILL <ahillx@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, September 08, 2018 7:47 AM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: plastic bags

I am totally against this proposal. Another effort to take away freedoms from the little guy by a bunch of elites who think they know better than any body else and want to turn this town into another San Francisco or Portland.

Arthur and Gloria Hill

2932 Winslow Way NW

Amy Johnson

From: Tambi Hurd <tambih@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 06, 2018 11:03 AM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Plastic bags

I am writing in support of the Council's vote banning single-use plastic bags. Salem should lead in this effort to reduce the use of plastic. We need to look at alternatives that don't pollute our environment.

Tambi Hurd

Amy Johnson

From: Ken Jones <kjironwood@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 8:09 AM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Ordinance Bill No. 20-18 to Ban single-use plastic bags in the City of Salem

I'm writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed single use plastic bag ban. Salem doesn't have a landscape littered with plastic bags. Our rivers and streams aren't choked with plastic debris of any kind. While I've seen many pictures of developing countries that have severe plastic pollution problems, it's clearly evident that Salem Oregon does not have a plastic pollution problem, our eyes don't lie. The proposal to ban plastic bags seems to be nothing more than a solution looking for a problem that does not exist in Salem, Marion County, or anywhere in Oregon.

Passing a single use plastic bag ban would certainly send a message to like mind special interest groups, but nothing would be accomplished because there is not a local problem to solve. This is not a city, county, state or even a good partisan issue; it's an environmental activist's issue driven mostly by social media.

The use of plastics is not a problem. How we dispose of plastics is where pollution issues can be addressed. Plastic debris in the environment is merely a symptom of poor waste management; which is one reason why the United States ranks last on the list of top 20 plastic polluters. The growing consensus is the incinerating all plastic waste is the most effective way to deal with plastic pollution; well, we already do that. Salem/Marion County has excellent waste management and cleanly incinerates all trash to produce electricity; plastic pollution will never be a significant problem.

The anti-plastic activists also like to spin reusable bags as the perfect solution for our non-existent problem, but totally fail to acknowledge the tradeoffs. Everything we use has an environmental cost, reusable bags are no different.

You have an obligation to wash reusable bags after every use to prevent the spread of disease in the community. You could be washing could be washing a dozen bags a week. An undeniable fact about modern washers and dryers is they self-adjust based on load size. There are roughly 60,000 household in Salem. It's guaranteed that water, electricity, natural gas consumption, and sewage discharge will increase on a City wide level. If people wash their bags separately, then more phosphates will be released into our waterways. Has anyone considered the environmental cost of reusable bags?

I cannot support passing any single use plastic ban that would solve absolutely nothing, impose dictatorial control on the entire community by taking away an individual's freedom of choice, and forcefully impose a lifestyle change on everyone living in and around Salem.

Amy Johnson

From: jorgj1s1 <jorgj1s1@aol.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 06, 2018 7:59 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Plastic bags

I wholeheartedly support the ban on single use plastic bags.
Shannon Jorgenson

Amy Johnson

From: Thomas Lancefield <woodrat2@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2018 9:54 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Written Comment Regarding Proposed Plastic Bag Ban

City Councillors:

I lean against the proposed ban. Yes, it would reduce the amount of litter, but to me it seems more of a 'symbolic' gain than a substantive one. I don't think the reduction in litter is worth the cost in lost convenience.

I am retired, but when I was working I would often stop at the grocery store while riding my bicycle home after work, and carry my purchases in a plastic bag on my bike. If I had a backpack with me, I would put them in the backpack.

Also, if the alternative to a plastic bag is a paper bag, I think paper bags require more energy to make than a plastic bag does, though I can't cite a source for that belief.

The clincher for me is sea turtles. If there were many sea turtles in the ocean off of Oregon, I would support this ban. But from what I read, they are rare in Oregon waters. It is true that bags flowing into the ocean from the Columbia or other rivers could end up I don't know where.

I use a reusable bag for about 2/3 of my grocery shopping, and I support their use. I'm just not persuaded that the harm from plastic bags in Oregon is great enough to warrant banning their use in Salem.

Thank you.

Tom Lancefield
313 Ewald Ave. SE
Salem, Ore. (Ward 3)

Amy Johnson

From: noreply@cityofsalem.net on behalf of Susanlang381@gmail.com
Sent: Saturday, September 08, 2018 10:25 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Contact City Council
Attachments: ATT00001.bin

Your Name	susanlang381@gmail.com
Your Email	Susanlang381@gmail.com
Your Phone	5039676106
Street	6056 Lillian St SE
City	Salem
State	OR
Zip	97306
Message	I strongly urge all city councilors to pass the Plastic Bag Ban as written. Let's pass this!!

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Amy Johnson

From: Susan Lang <susanlang381@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 08, 2018 10:11 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Plastic Bag Ban

This is to inform the Salem City Council that I am in full support of the Plastic Bag Ban as it is currently written.

Please pass this!!

Susan Lang
South Salem

Amy Johnson

From: webmaster@cityofsalem.net
Sent: Sunday, September 09, 2018 7:48 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Contact: cityrecorder@cityofsalem.net

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Details:

- From: Brian C McKinley at: loki08@mac.com
 - Phone:
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- Message Body: I would like to have my oppositjon noted in the public record for the bag ban/tax measure on monday nights ajenda. Thank you.

Amy Johnson

From: Tamera Mittig <tameramittig@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 09, 2018 1:19 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Banning and Example of the slippery slope

If this gets to someone who actually will read it instead of someone like Jim Scheppke who dismisses anyone's thoughts or experiences. As I was speaking in the facebook group.. an I can not make it to your meeting as I am disabled but will do my best to get there. well I have a friend who went down south to 9-8-18 Corvallis to the Fred Meyer down there here's what your BANNING DOES he went in bought 5 items they have the ban in place he used a SNAP card knew nothing of the reusable bags there and had to scrounge up \$.05 for a paper Reusable bag because SNAP doesn't cover it REAL GOOD uh or else he would have had to carry everything out in his hands without a cart!!!! this is STUPID if he had to have bought much more he wouldn't have been able to carry them out. you go figure as I said before those were multiuse but they have been FORCED to be called Single use and the Paper bags WOW you can't find a use for those **CONGRATS** ya'll this is coming our way!!!! be careful WHAT you Wish for!!! your going down a Slippery slope Just Wait till they ban something you feel is a necessity for your life Banning is a Slippery slope the fact the plastic bags were created as Multi use bags to be reused.....

I just gonna throw this out there those plastic bags you get at the store for your groceries are more than just single use if you use your head I save up ours use it for our Garbage (haven't bought any 10-33 gallon bags in over a year), instead of saran wrap i use those bags, they are washable. if the bread or food of some sort needs covered I wrap it up with one of those bags instead of using zip lock bags or sandwich bags. it ain't pretty when you go to work but it is reusable. as for the paper bags I put hot cookies on there it pulls the grease off the cookies or baked goods (better for you) wrap up books for covers, wrapping paper, and many other uses, if we think back to when the Grandma's of the 50's they recycled much more than we thought of doing now. nothing should be banned we should be thinking of ways to reuse items instead of buying all these gadgets that require us to buy different plastic which can't be used 2-5 times. in different ways I am always against banning but using my head to recycle items. we need to change the way we at home think need classes yes you can take back to store but why when they can replace so much more instead of buy something that's just a touch different but does the same job. jmo but i am Shaking my head at all the new gadgets you see on the tv plastic and other items to make your lives more convenient and waste money on. just imagine all the money you could save with out all the gadgets an just reuse the grocery bags you get for free at the store that they have already charged you for in the products they sell that they spread the cost out over.

ppl make rugs out of plastic grocery bags also Thanks for listening or not. I'm sure someone up there or friends is going to make money off of the new bags besides the stores. Tammy Mittig

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Sept. 9, 2018

To: Mayor Bennett, City Manager and City Councilors

Re: NEN support of Ordinance Bill No 20-18
Ban of Single-Use Plastic Bags

On September 4, the NEN board unanimously voted to support proposed Ordinance Bill No. 20-18, banning single-use plastic bags in the City of Salem.

From poisoning and injuring marine life to disrupting human hormones, from littering our beaches and landscapes to clogging our waste streams and landfills, the exponential growth of plastics is now threatening our planet. Scientists predict that if nothing changes in our plastic consumption habits, by 2050 there will be more plastic in the oceans than there are fish (by weight).

Plastic bags are a big litter problem in our neighborhood as they get into the gutters during the rain and cause leaves to pile up and streets to flood. NEN has a cleanup activity which targets litter and these plastic bags are a component. They get into Mill Creek which feeds into the Willamette and end up in the ocean

We all need to work together to solve this problem.

Many cities in Oregon, including Portland, Eugene, Corvallis, Ashland and others, have already banned single use plastic bags and it's time for Salem to join the effort.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

NEN Board



September 7, 2018

Mayor Chuck Bennett & City Councilors
City of Salem
555 Liberty Street SE
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: *Resolution in Favor of Plastic Bag Ban*

Dear Mayor Bennett and City Councilors,

By a vote of 14-2, SCAN supports the proposal currently under consideration by the City to ban the use of plastic bags in most retail applications.

SCAN's Historic Preservation, Parks, & Gardens Committee reviewed the issue and, in the Committee's motion to the Board, noted that plastic bags do harm to the natural environment and are a common form of litter in many of our natural areas. Also, less plastic bags will aid in the recycling process, help protect wildlife, and reduce waste.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue.

Yours truly,

Jeff Schumacher
SCAN President 2018-19

Enclosures: as indicated

Amy Johnson

From: Jami Smith <jami138@icloud.com>
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2018 12:37 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Single use bag ban

It's well beyond the time this should have been passed in the city of Salem. It should actually be a state wide ban. We have to do everything we possibly can to limit/exclude the use of plastic, especially single use. I do not buy that it's a "hardship" for anyone to use cloth bags. They are either very inexpensive or I have even gotten them for free. I have more than I know what to do with. You could even have a bag donation program to collect bags to give to low income people. Where there a will, there's a way. Please pass this law/ordinance!!!

Sincerely,

Jami Smith

Salem 97301 resident

Sent from my iPad

Amy Johnson

From: D VanDyke <dmvdhome@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, September 07, 2018 2:31 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Comments re: proposed plastic bag ban

The proposed plastic shopping bag ban is based on a false premise. I know very few people who only use a plastic shopping bag from a store merely that one time. I will admit that the store only uses a specific shopping bag once, but many of us reuse them at least once (if not more times) for various uses - carrying lunch, collecting other items for recycling, carrying other items from point a to point b, wrapping items to be stored in the garage, packing filler in a box to be stored or shipped, or collecting the waste scooped out of the litter box. Yes, that last one does end up in the garbage. Some even use plastic shopping bags to pick up litter along the streets.

Would you like to know what a "single use plastic bag" is in my house? Here are some examples: a flimsy plastic bag from the produce/meat/bulk foods department that has torn or has food waste on it, and the zip-top or fold-top bag from my lunch that now has food waste on it. Those are the only examples I can think of. Note that these items are not included in the proposed bag ban.

The proposed ban will cost me money. I would need to purchase plastic bags for at least one of the uses mentioned above, which will still end up in the garbage. (Storing paper or other permeable bags containing used cat litter for the weekly garbage pickup is not an acceptable option. For those who are not aware, a litter box needs to be cleared at least once a day.) In addition, I would need to pay for each bag I receive at the store, or pay to purchase reusable bags - many of which are made from or coated with a plastic or other manmade petroleum-based material.

If you really want to address plastic waste in the garbage, how about trying to address the wasteful (and often difficult to open) plastic packaging that many products are sold in? Or the plastic rings around a six-pack of soda? Or microbeads? Or myriad other items made of plastic for no good reason (other than cost) given the many valid options? The vast majority of these other plastic items are no longer recyclable locally, thus are ending up as garbage. Perhaps that should be addressed. On the other hand, many stores have (or have had) collection points to recycle plastic shopping bags for years.

Additionally, people I know who live in towns with this type of ban have indicated that, while there was a slight decrease in litter at first, this has not necessarily remained the case. Locally, the majority of the litter I've seen has not been plastic shopping bags, but has been items like cardboard, paper, or fabric. The proposed ban would have a negligible impact on the environment, overall, as the bags will still be manufactured for use elsewhere - and there are a number of other problems/behaviors that make up a much larger part of the overall environmental problem. As for animal health, I assume that the concern is the consumption of or entanglement in the plastic bags. Animals that tend to consume or get tangled up in plastic shopping bags also consume or get tangled up in other plastic items that are harmful to them. The connection to human health is unclear to me, however, other than the potential environmental impact. (Incidentally, there have been studies showing that unless reusable bags are washed properly and frequently, they often harbor harmful germs that get transferred to whatever is stowed inside, and can make an entire household sick.)

I cannot see a benefit to banning plastic shopping bags. I urge the City Council to think about practicality, not about making a gesture, and vote against the proposed ban on plastic shopping bags.

Denise VanDyke
40+ year resident of S. Salem, Ward 7

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
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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 biodegrade 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
Your Email	Milanlm@yahoo.com
Your Phone	5035811714
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

Amy Johnson

From: Carlene Benson <bensonwc@mac.com>
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 9:38 AM
To: CityRecorder
Cc: Tom Andersen
Subject: Plastic bag ban

We are in support of banning single use plastic bags from the City of Salem.

Carlene and Wally Benson
545 Leslie St. SE, Salem

Amy Johnson

From: john cochran <jcvictor2003@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 10:47 AM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Plastic bags ban at City Council 9-10-18 meeting comments

Mayor and Councillors

My wife and I disagree with the ban on plastic bags at carryout in Salem Oregon.

We live in the county and shop in Salem.

This is Oregon. It rains here.

Paper sacks fall apart when they get wet, but plastic sacks stay intact and keep groceries dry.

Charging 5¢ a bag is unfair. Some people are exempt and the rest of us must pay. It's like a tax.

Plastic bags are more economical for the grocery as well as the customer.

The material or cloth bags aren't even made in the USA.

How does that help Oregon's economy?

Plastic bags get reused more than paper bags for many practical purposes, such as disposal of messy garbage such as meat bits or poop.

There's room for technologies to fix the downstream problems of plastic-- some innovations are already being deployed to clean up the mess.

This gesture is a burden on the average citizen.

Please vote No.

Thank you

John and Beverly Cochran

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Re: The Proposed Ban on [claimed single-use] Plastic Bags
To Salem City Counselors:

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CITY OF SALEM
MAYOR/CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE

We oppose the ban on plastic bags. Such bags are convenient, free of germs when dispensed, strong for multiple items even if wet, useful for other applications, and protect the environment.

We do not see plastic bags strewn about. We do see beverage cans and cups, paper litter, cigarette butts, single-use floss tools, and even tennis shoes strewn around. A ban on plastic bags is not helpful. We suspect it was proposed only on the flimsy purpose of attracting attention.

Making a law against plastic bags will not prevent the irresponsible from making litter. The ban will prevent shoppers having strong, convenient packaging for multiple grocery and sundry items. The ban will prevent the choice of additional uses of the plastic bags, sometimes requiring the additional expense of new plastic containers.

We recycle our plastic bags. Responsible retailers supply recycling deposit receptacles. Most often our 'recycling' means another use is made for the bag. Organizations that provide food for the poor rely on donated bags to deliver the food items. A ban on this multi-use item will simply add costs, be unsanitary, limit choices for retailers and consumers and be an added burden on the poor. We strongly oppose this foolish ban possibly proposed simply to follow the misinformed actions of other cities and for bragging rights. It is useless to any real purpose.

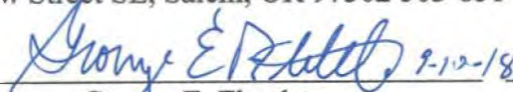
The truth, should anyone care: [1] Plastic bags were introduced because environmentalists claimed less tree felling for paper pulp for paper bags would be a good thing. [2] The U.S. does not contribute most of the plastic in the ocean. This nonsense originated in a typo in the New York Times, for which they've apologized. The originally intended word was 'fishing nets.' [3] Ethane, a bi-product of the petroleum industry, is used to make plastic bags. The University of Colorado at Boulder has made a study in which they lament the uptick in atmospheric ethane. More domestic uses to stabilize this product should be encouraged, not less as in the proposed ban. [4] In the absence of a market for the plastic bags, excess ethane will either be shipped to Asian countries where most of the ocean bags originate, be burned adding to the greenhouse mess, or leaked out also contributing to the supposed greenhouse problem. Banning plastic bags for responsible consumer use is a loss to the environment in every way except in publicity to ignorant feel-gooders. [Source: <https://wattsupwiththat.com/2016/06/15/californias-plastic-bag-ban-may-be-aiding-an-increase-in-the-greenhouse-gas-ethane/> with internal supporting links]

We, the undersigned, urge city counselors to responsibly vote against the unscientific folly that would ban the multi-useful and environmentally-friendly plastic bag.

Sincerely yours,

George E. and Roberta J. Fletcher, home owners,
2055 Yew Street SE, Salem, OR 97302 503-851-6568

Signed:


George E. Fletcher


Roberta J. Fletcher

Amy Johnson

From: Eric Bradfield <ebradfield@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 2:29 PM
To: citycouncil
Cc: Samuel Skillern; Christopher Bechtel; Jeanne and Corbey Boatwright
Subject: Grant NA Supports Plastic Bag Ban

Councilors and Mayor,

The Grant Neighborhood Association voted at our September 6th meeting to support the plastic bag ban. At the meeting, 8 people that voted in support of the ban, one opposed, and one abstained. Our vote didn't include recommendations or concerns.

Thank you,
Eric Bradfield
Grant Neighborhood Association, Co-Chair
C: 503-508-7576

Amy Johnson

From: Kate Kangas <kate.kangas@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 2:03 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: PLEASE pass plastic bag restriction

Dear City Council,

As a working mom and homeowner in this fair city, I ask that you PLEASE pass the ordinance limiting single use plastic bags.

Yes my life is busy, and yes I love convenience, but I also care about the health and welfare of our environment. There is just too much research out there documenting the devastating effects of plastic bags to ignore it.

As you know, all of these bags end up in a landfill or as litter, and

- *choke/poison/contribute to the malnourishment of wildlife, marine life, and livestock

- *poison our soil and water with toxic petro-polymers

- *block up water ways and sewer systems

- *and are such a disgusting, disgraceful addition to our local landscapes.

All of which have lots of terrible direct and indirect consequences for all species, including us.

Council members, it is time we align our default modes of operation with our values! Changing the way we all take home our groceries is one of those small things that can make a big difference. Yes, we can do this on a individual scale, but working as a team will accomplish so much more. Please! Make it easy on us to reduce our waste and impact on the environment .

I am hopeful that an ordinance like this will encourage stores to provide shoppers with their discarded cardboard boxes. Costco and Natural Grocers already do this, but it's time for the others to follow suit.

Thank you so much for caring for our city, council members. I appreciate all that you put into making Salem (and planet Earth) a great place to live.

Sincerely,

Kate Kangas
1950 Church Street NE
Salem, Oregon

Sent from my iPhone

Amy Johnson

From: webmaster@cityofsalem.net
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 1:19 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Contact: cityrecorder@cityofsalem.net

Email from the City Contact form app.

Message Type: Contact: cityrecorder@cityofsalem.net

Details:

- From: Sherry Lintner at: sherry_lintner@yahoo.com
 - Phone:
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- Message Body: I would like to register my support of a city wide ban of single use plastic bags. There is no compelling reason to continue the pervasive use of single use bags. Citizens will grump at first, like they always do (remember the outrage when big blue recycling bins were introduced). Before long, bringing your own reusable bags will become 2 nature. I hope council members will seriously consider implementing the ban.

Amy Johnson

From: Dinah Humphrey <dinahclaire86@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 2:48 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Ban single use plastic bags

Dear City Counsel,

I'm writing in support of banning single use plastic bags in Salem. Even those, like myself, who try to avoid using and accepting them end up accumulating an astonishing amount due to their ubiquity. There are very limited opportunities to reuse them because of their poor quality. They are to be used once, but to exist forever as a blight on our land, and an encumbrance to our systems. Their excessive use is really unconscionable and a ban would be a relief. Please, please take this practical step in limiting our plastic use together.

Thank you,
Dinah Mattson, stay-at-home mother
dinahclaire86@yahoo.com

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

Amy Johnson

From: Charlie Plybon <cplybon@surfrider.org>
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 4:22 PM
To: CityRecorder
Subject: Support for City of Salem Plastic Bag Ordinance
Attachments: Surfrder_comments_ord20_18_salem.docx

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of our entire Oregon membership and our many members, supporters and volunteers in the City of Salem, the Surfrider Foundation would like to express our strong support for the City of Salem's recommended ordinance to reduce single use plastic bag distribution and encouraging the use of reusable bags. Please find the attached comments, which I hope to provide this evening in person - (I may be late tonight).

Cheers,

Charlie Plybon | Oregon Policy Manager | [Surfrider Foundation](#)
541-961-8143 | cplybon@surfrider.org | tw: @oregonsurfrider

Mayor Bennett:



Re: Salem Single Use Plastic Bag Ordinance: Bill No. 20-18

On behalf of our entire Oregon membership and our many members, supporters and volunteers in the City of Salem, the Surfrider Foundation would like to express our strong support for the City of Salem's recommended ordinance to reduce single use plastic bag distribution and encouraging the use of reusable bags. Surfrider Foundation has worked through supporting development and implementation of this policy in hundreds of cities around the nation through our grassroots volunteer network of chapters. Over the past decade, we've learned what makes a strong policy that actually meets the intended environmental, litter and waste management goals set forth by cities such as Salem.

As with any policy, plastic bag ordinances have evolved both in Oregon and more broadly across the nation to better meet these intended goals, eliminate loopholes, and avoid un-intended consequences. For example, Portland's Policy in 2011 without a fee deterrence on paper bags resulted in the unintended consequence and environmental impact of increasing paper bag use by 491%¹. With the City of Salem's intended policy goal to *protect the environment, animal and human health, and to reduce litter* in mind and our experience developing and partnering on policy implementation throughout Oregon, we offer the following comments and considerations to the ordinance. Most of the comments and considerations that follow are to provide clarity for implementation or administration and do not result in substantive changes to the policy itself.

Surfrider comments to draft ordinance

CHAPTER 48 –SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS

48.010. – Purpose.

The purpose of this Chapter is to protect the environment, animals and human health, and reduce litter by limiting the use of single-use plastic carryout bags at retail establishments, City facilities, City managed concessions, City sponsored events, and City permitted events.

48.020. – Definitions.

¹ <https://www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/article/419700>

The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

Carryout bag means any bag that is provided by a retail establishment at the point of sale to a customer for use to transport or carry away purchases, such as merchandise, goods or food, from the retail establishment. “Carryout bag” does not include:

- (a) Bags used by consumers inside retail establishments to:
 - (1) Package bulk items, such as fruit, vegetables, nuts, grains, candy, or small hardware items;
 - (2) Contain or wrap meat, fish, or frozen foods, whether packaged or not;
 - (3) Contain or wrap flowers, potted plants, or other items where dampness may be a problem;
 - (4) Contain unwrapped prepared foods or bakery goods; or
 - (5) Pharmacy prescription bags.
- (b) Laundry dry-cleaning bags or bags sold in packages containing multiple bags intended to be used for home food storage, garbage waste, pet waste, or yard waste; or
- (c) Product or produce bags.

City sponsored event means any event organized or sponsored by the City, Urban Renewal Agency of the City of Salem, or Housing Authority of the City of Salem.

Customer means any person obtaining goods from a retail establishment.

Food provider means any entity in the city that provides prepared food for public consumption on or off its premises.

Grocery store means any retail establishment that sells groceries, fresh, packaged, canned, dry, prepared, or frozen food or beverage products and similar items.

Pharmacy means a retail establishment where a pharmacist licensed by the State of Oregon’s Board of Pharmacy practices pharmacy and where prescription medications are offered for sale.

Product or produce bag means any bag without handles provided to a customer for use

Commented [CP1]: Prepared food might need to be defined (most policies are moving in the direction of defining this for clarity).

within a retail establishment to assist in the collection or transport of products to the point of sale.

Recyclable paper bag means a paper bag that is 100% recyclable and contains a minimum of 40% post-consumer recycled content.

Retail establishment means any store or vendor located within or doing business within the geographic limits of the City that sells or offers for sale goods at retail.

Reusable bag means a bag made of machine washable cloth, woven synthetic fiber, or other non-plastic material with handles that is specifically designed and manufactured for long-term multiple reuses.

Single-use plastic carryout bag means any carryout bag made predominately of plastic, either petroleum or biologically based, and made available by a retail establishment to a customer at the point of sale. It includes compostable bags, biodegradable bags, and thicker plastic bags (e.g., 2.25 mils or 4.0 mils), but does not include reusable bags, recyclable paper bags, or bags exempted from the definition of carryout bag.

Undue hardship means circumstances or situations unique to the particular retail establishment that results in no reasonable alternatives to the use of single-use plastic carryout bags or which results in the inability to collect a recyclable paper bag pass-through cost.

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48.030. – Single-Use Plastic Carryout Bags Prohibited.

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter:

- (a) No retail establishment will provide or make available to a customer a single-use plastic carryout bag; and
- (b) No person will distribute or provide a single-use plastic carryout bag at any City facility, City managed concessions, City sponsored event, or City permitted event.

48.040. – Permitted Bags.

All retail establishments shall provide or make available to a customer only recyclable paper carryout bags or reusable bags for the purpose of carrying away goods or other materials from the point of sale, subject to the terms of this Chapter. Nothing in this Chapter

prohibits customers from using bags of any type that they bring to the retail establishment themselves or from carrying away goods that are not placed in a bag, in lieu of using bags provided by the retail establishment.

48.050. – Pass-Through Cost.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, when a retail establishment with more than 10 full-time-equivalent employees makes a recyclable paper bag available to a customer at the point of sale, the retail establishment will:

- (1) Charge the customer a reasonable pass-through cost of not less than five cents per recyclable paper bag provided to the customer; and not rebate or otherwise reimburse any customer any portion of the pass-through cost; and
- (2) Indicate on the customer's transaction receipts the total amount of the recyclable paper bag pass-through charge.

(b) Retail establishments may offer reusable bags for sale. When retail establishments offer reusable bags for sale, the retail establishment will:

- (1) Charge the customer a reasonable pass-through cost of no less than fifty-cents (\$.50) per reusable bag, and not rebate or otherwise reimburse any customer any portion of the pass-through cost; and
- (2) a retail establishment may offer reusable bags to customers without charge during a limited duration promotional event, which said limited duration promotional events shall not exceed twelve (12) days total per year.

48.060. – Exemptions.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter:

- (a) Retail establishments with 10 or fewer full-time-equivalent employees may charge for provided recyclable paper bags but are not required to do so. If such establishments do charge for paper bags, they are exempt from the requirement to note the pass-through cost on receipts.
- (b) Single-use plastic carryout bags may be distributed to customers by food providers for the purpose of safeguarding public health and safety during the transportation of prepared take-out foods and prepared liquids intended for

Commented [CP4]: Generally speaking, we're learning after many cities have implemented various policies that it's important to provide a section on what bags are actually permitted. This helps provide clarity to a retailer and avoids potential loopholes. This is just one recommendation for how that could be included.

Commented [CP5]: This language would support the language above for permitted bags and appropriate pass through costs as well as provides for opportunities for promotional events (bag giveaways).

Commented [CP6]: Insert "recyclable" since this is what we define.

consumption away from the food provider's premises.

- (c) A retail establishment may provide a reusable bag or a recyclable paper bag at no cost at the point of sale upon the request of a customer who uses:

- (1) A voucher issued under the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program established in the Oregon Health Authority under ORS 413.500; or
- (2) An Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card, such as an Oregon Trail Card, to access Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.

- (d) Vendors at retail fairs such as farmers markets or holiday fairs are not subject to indicating on the customer's transaction receipt the total amount of the recyclable paper bag pass-through charge.

48.070. – Promotion of Reusable Bags.

- (a) Retail establishments may distribute product bags, and may make reusable bags available to customers pursuant to the terms of Section 48.050(b).
- (b) Retail establishments are encouraged to educate their staff to promote reusable bags and to post signs encouraging customers to use reusable bags.

48.080. – Violations and Penalties.

- (a) Any person who violates the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of an infraction, punishable pursuant to SRC 1.070.
- (b) The penalty for violations of this chapter shall be:
 - (1) No more than \$50 for the first violation;
 - (2) No more than \$150 for the second violation within a calendar year; and
 - (3) No more than \$250 for any subsequent violation.
- (c) No more than one citation will be issued to any single location of a retail establishment within a seven-day period.

Commented [CP7]: May consider broader "undue hardships" to allow for those who may need assistance otherwise - given it was in the definitions

Commented [CP8]: I think this should be a business not a person – it's not uncommon to refer to business in this fashion sometimes in policy but I would recommend being explicit about this with respect to penalty impacting the business, not the server/employee