

RESOLUTION No. 36804

Promote use of reusable bags: prohibit the provision of single-use plastic or non-recycled paper carryout bags at specified stores, require regulated stores to charge a minimum of 5 cents per bag for recycled paper or compostable plastic bags, and provide reusable bags, at no cost, to seniors and low-income residents (Resolution)

WHEREAS, on June 28, 2006, the Council adopted Resolution No. 36423 establishing goals for the solid waste and recycling system; and

WHEREAS, one of those goals was to promote sustainability of the solid waste and recycling system that includes maximum efficiency, equity and economic vitality, improved worker safety and reduced environmental and human health impacts over the entire life cycle of the materials; and

WHEREAS, one of the goals was to minimize the impact of harmful wastes by targeting toxicity and reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, one of the goals was to reduce per capita waste generation below 2005 levels by the year 2015; and

WHEREAS, one of the goals was to increase recovery of all waste with a target of 75 percent by the year 2015 and promote highest value use of the recovered materials; and

WHEREAS, on October 28, 2009, Council passed Resolution 36748 to adopt the Climate Action Plan that includes the goals of reducing total solid waste generated by 25 percent and recovering 90 percent of all waste generated; and

WHEREAS, the expansive usage of single-use shopping bags and their typical disposal creates an impediment to the City's waste reduction and recycling goals; and

WHEREAS, single-use plastic bags are difficult to recycle and frequently contaminate material that is processed through the City's curbside recycling and composting programs; and

WHEREAS, recycled content paper carryout bags are a high value recyclable collected in the City's curbside recycling program and are made in paper mills located in the region. While papermaking has environmental impacts, when made with 40 percent or more postconsumer content, paper bags provide a positive alternative to plastic bags; and

WHEREAS, reusable bags are considered to be the best option to reduce waste and litter, protect wildlife and conserve resources; and

WHEREAS, Council acknowledges that many Portland businesses have taken affirmative steps to accomplish this goal and recognizes their proactive efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the Council to encourage and enable the location of a viable reusable bag manufacturing operation in the City of Portland; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the Oregon Legislature to provide statewide regulation of the proliferation of single-use shopping bags; and

WHEREAS, members of the Oregon State legislature will introduce legislation during the 2011 state legislative session to pass legislation banning plastic bags and imposing a five-cent minimum charge on recycled paper bags, to benefit all of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, members of the Oregon State Legislature and the City of Portland City Council hereby recognize our mutual and collaborative efforts to ban plastic bags and impose a five-cent minimum charge on paper bags as a means of reducing harmful waste and promoting sustainability in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, if the State does not act to regulate the proliferation of single-use shopping bags the Council will find it necessary to enact regulations governing the City of Portland;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in the event that the State is not successful in passing legislation substantially similar to the draft bill attached hereto as Exhibit A by sine die of the 2011 State Legislative Session and with an effective date of no later than January 1, 2012, the Mayor, with the support of the State Legislative leaders noted in Exhibit C, will bring forward an ordinance substantially similar to Exhibit B attached hereto in order to implement a ban on plastic bags and five-cent fee on recycled paper bags in the City of Portland.

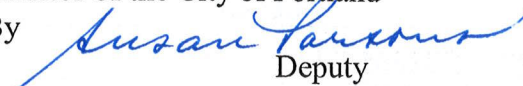
Adopted by the Council: JUL 28 2010

Mayor Sam Adams
Prepared by: Megan Ponder
Date Prepared: 7-23-10

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Auditor of the City of Portland

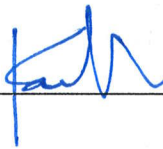
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<p style="text-align: center;">INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Adams</p>	<p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>JUL 23 2010</u></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</p> <p>Mayor—Finance and Administration - Adams</p> <p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz</p> <p>Position 2/Works - Fish</p> <p>Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman</p> <p>Position 4/Safety - Leonard</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By:  Deputy</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">BUREAU APPROVAL</p> <p>Bureau: N/A Bureau Head: N/A</p>	<p>ACTION TAKEN:</p>
<p>Prepared by: Megan Ponder Date Prepared: 7/23/10</p>	
<p>Financial Impact Statement</p> <p>Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>Council Meeting Date 7/28/10</p>	
<p>City Attorney Approval</p>	

AGENDA

TIME CERTAIN
Start time: 11:00 a.m

Total amount of time needed: 1 hour
(for presentation, testimony and discussion)

CONSENT

REGULAR
Total amount of time needed: _____
(for presentation, testimony and discussion)

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:	
	YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	✓	
3. Saltzman	_____	
4. Leonard	✓	
Adams	✓	