

CHAPTER 13: PLASTIC BAG BAN

13.1 DEFINITIONS

“Carryout Bag” A Carryout Bag is plastic bag with a thickness of film of less than 3 mils. Carryout Bags do not include bags typically used to contain dry cleaning, newspapers, and small bags to contain fish, meats, or produce.

“Reusable Carryout Bag” A Reusable Carryout Bag means one that satisfies all of the following requirements:

1. It is made solely of or in a combination of natural cloths, synthetic fibers, other washable material; or of a non-toxic plastic (as defined by applicable state and federal regulations) that is no less than 3 mils thick; and
2. It is specifically designed for reuse.

“Recyclable Paper Bag” A Recyclable Paper Bag means a bag that is:

1. 100% recyclable; and
2. contains at least 40% post-consumer recycled paper content.

“Establishment” An Establishment means any business selling goods, articles, or personal services to the public, including but not limited to restaurants.

13.2 FINDINGS, PURPOSE AND DECLARATION

Purpose. The purpose of this bylaw is:

1. To help lessen the deterioration of the environment;
2. To further educate the public regarding the importance of using biodegradable materials;
3. To provide additional enforcement to protect public and private property from litter; *and*
4. To encourage the use of Reusable Carryout Bags and thereby decrease plastic waste.