



ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

Agenda

Wednesday, May 9, 2012

4:00 pm

Madison Avenue Meeting Room

500 SW Madison

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| Discussion/ Possible Action | I. Sustainability Initiatives Fees Update
(Attachment) |
| Discussion/ Possible Action | II. Single-use Plastic Bag Reduction Recommendation
(Attachment) |
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Next Scheduled Meeting

Wednesday, May 23, 2012 at 4:00 pm

Madison Avenue Meeting Room, 500 SW Madison Ave

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Visit Corvallis Third Quarter Report

MEMORANDUM

April 30, 2012

To: Administrative Services Committee

From: Mary Steckel, Interim Public Works Director
Karen Emery, Parks & Recreation Director

Subject: Sustainability Initiative Fees Update

ISSUE:

The Administrative Services Committee requested an update on the results of the sustainability initiatives fees one year after implementation.

BACKGROUND:

In December 2010, three Sustainability Initiative Fees for transit operations, sidewalk maintenance and urban forestry maintenance were approved by City Council. The ordinances and associated fees, added to the City Services Bill, went into effect February 1, 2011 to help fund the following City services:

1. Transit Operations - Service is intended to reduce the use of single-occupancy vehicles and the associated traffic, parking congestion, and greenhouse gas emissions, and provide mobility to segments of the population who either can't afford or choose not to own an automobile. The dedicated funding source allows fareless transit service and enhancements to routes or hours of operation.
2. Sidewalk Maintenance - Service maintains the system of sidewalks in good repair to provide a viable transportation alternative to the automobile. This program replaces the individual property owner's responsibility to pay for sidewalk maintenance, allowing the City to address concerns in a systematic, efficient and more cost-effective manner than the previous system.
3. Urban Forestry - Service is an urban forest protection program that creates habitat for birds, shade to cool people and structures, improved air quality, carbon storage and increased property values. This program is intended to aid implementation of the Urban Forestry Management Plan (UFMP) by exploring solutions to street/sidewalk infrastructure damage caused by trees, performing routine pruning to reduce the blockage of street signs and obstructions to viewing traffic at intersections, and an aggressive maintenance program for newly planted trees including structural pruning to prevent future hazards.

DISCUSSION:

Since implementation, staff has diligently tracked these new services to ensure the associated fees are providing citizens with value.

Transit Service

Community investment:

The Transit Operations Fee (TOF) amount varies by customer type. For the first year of the program, single-family residential utility customers paid \$2.75 per month, while multi-family residential utility customers paid \$1.90 per month. The amount for commercial and industrial customers is based on the type of business, and as a result, is different for each one. This revenue stream eliminated the need for a property tax allocation to the Transit Fund, replaced fare revenues and provided a small additional amount for service expansion. For the period February 1, 2011 through February 1, 2012, the City collected \$931,360 in revenue from this fee.

Program measurement:

The Corvallis Transit System (CTS) has seen a 37.87% growth in ridership over the last year. The following chart provides ridership statistics, comparing the February 1st - January 31st period for the year before (2010) and the year after (2011) implementation of TOF:

Month	Period year beginning:		Percent increase in ridership
	2/1/2010	2/1/2011	
February	65,306	80,794	23.72%
March	63,665	91,060	43.03%
April	66,781	92,842	39.02%
May	59,090	89,078	50.75%
June	53,782	78,421	45.81%
July	54,310	80,650	48.50%
August	49,560	72,375	46.04%
September	58,342	80,518	38.01%
October	79,562	104,343	31.15%
November	73,961	96,884	30.99%
December	58,193	79,456	36.54%
January	78,754	103,182	31.02%
Total	761,306	1,049,603	37.87%

Staff acknowledges that the significant level of growth is not only attributable to rides becoming fareless, but also to the rising cost of fuel for individual vehicles and the desire for residents to choose more sustainable options for commuting to work, school and other activities.

Program review:

Following the City Council adoption of TOF, there were concerns raised that CTS would experience problems that other fareless systems had encountered, such as poor on-time performance, inappropriate behavior of customers aboard buses and at transit stops, and overcrowding on the buses resulting in the need to refuse rides.

CTS has always operated with tight schedules and limited dwell times at the transit center between runs to maximize the efficiency of the service. Increased ridership associated with the fareless service has resulted in buses stopping more often to load and off-load passengers which does make it more challenging to stay on schedule. However, some of the extra time needed to load and off-load more passengers has been mitigated by the time saved with the elimination of fares, as passengers no longer have to take time to put money into the farebox or to present ride coupons or bus passes to drivers. With the increase in ridership, on-time performance has been most difficult to achieve during peak hours, defined as Monday through Friday during morning and afternoon rush hours. It can also be impacted by factors such as weather, trains blocking streets, bus breakdowns, and extended loading time for bikes and wheelchairs.

Staff is pleased to report that, to date, there has not been an increase in behavioral issues on the system. This is confirmed through regular communication with the drivers and dispatchers. CTS and First Student (the contracted service provider) have worked together to ensure passenger compliance with the Code of Conduct. Problems that have surfaced with specific individuals have been discussed and dealt with expeditiously.

It is clear that some routes are near capacity during peak hours. However, staff has heard of only two instances of a potential passenger(s) being unable to board a bus due to overcrowding. Another concern expressed was that some customers would ride the buses without a destination, taking up needed capacity on the buses. However, this has not been a significant problem to date.

The new fee has met the goal of reducing single-occupancy vehicles and providing a dedicated funding source for transit operations that allows fareless transit service.

Sidewalk Maintenance

Community investment:

The Sidewalk Maintenance Fee (SMF) is a charge of \$0.80 per month to all City Services Bill customers. For the period February 1, 2011 through February 1, 2012 the City collected \$147,700 in revenue from the fee.

Program measurements:

Approximately 300 requests for sidewalk maintenance were received from the public since the start of the SMF. An additional 410 properties were addressed as a part of last summer's Sidewalk Safety Program contract work in the Central Business District. This represents a nearly 30% increase in repairs over the previous two-year average. The following chart provides repair statistics, comparing the previous two-year average to the first year of the SMF:

Type of Repair	Previous 2-	2011	Percentage increase in repairs
	year average		
	(data in linear feet)		
Sidewalk replaced	2,960	3,410	15.20%
Sidewalk grinded	150	570	280.00%
Total Sidewalk Repairs	3,110	3,980	27.97%

Program review:

Prior to the implementation of the Sidewalk Maintenance Fee, staff, through the Sidewalk Safety Program, enforced the requirement for property owners to repair the sidewalks along their property as outlined in the Municipal Code. Many property owners were not aware of this requirement and some chose to avoid the obligation for as long as possible. This created both a situation where sidewalks were left in an unsafe condition and where a significant administrative process was required to notify property owners of their responsibility and to follow up multiple times to get compliance.

Since the SMF, when a citizen alerts the City about a sidewalk issue, City crews can respond within a few days to complete repairs or mitigate hazards, providing a much quicker response. One of the more significant improvements that has resulted from the program changes made possible by the SMF is the ability to provide a quicker response to eliminate trip hazards. Typically trip hazards that are about one-inch high are repaired with a grinding technique within two to three weeks of a citizen's request. This compares with the several-month timeframe in the previous program, after the complex citizen notification process that was employed.

Staff anticipated there could be a dramatic increase in requests by citizens to respond to sidewalk repairs that had not been addressed by property owners in past years. While the initial few weeks of the program resulted in increased requests, the number stabilized to a level where staff was able to use the majority of funding collected to inspect and repair issues in the annual program district, the downtown core.

The new fee met the goal of allowing the City to address sidewalk concerns in an efficient and more cost-effective manner than previously.

Urban Forestry

Community Investment:

The Urban Forestry Management Fee (UFMF) collects \$0.50 per month from City Services Bill customers. For the period February 1, 2011 through February 1, 2012 the City collected \$99,740 in revenue for the program.

Program measurement:

The Urban Forestry Program has seen a significant increase in the amount of residents it can serve through this new fee. The table below depicts these increases:

Urban Forestry Management	February 2010- January 2011	February 2011- January 2012
# tree requests	20	166
# tree removals	75	121
# trees planted	17	68
# trees pruned	387	692

Program overview:

Prior to the UFMF being implemented, Parks and Recreation Department had a modest budget of \$21,000 to remove a limited number of hazard trees city wide, prune trees in the Central Business District and purchase replacement trees. Property owners in residential areas in Corvallis were responsible for maintaining trees in the public right of way along their property, as assigned by Municipal Code. As a result, trees throughout the city have not received consistent care. New home owners would inherit large hazardous trees which would remain unaddressed due to the cost of removal and replacement. This placed a financial burden on individuals and created a public safety issue that needed to be resolved. Parks & Recreation is also responsible for issuing permits for tree removal, and requests for permits to remove healthy, structurally sound trees due to sidewalk damage was a very common complaint.

Now, when a citizen alerts the City about a tree issue, staff will inspect and evaluate the tree(s) with the level of action being based on the findings. City staff handle tree maintenance requests using a service request process that is linked to the citywide tree inventory. The UFMF in conjunction with the Sidewalk Maintenance Fee has allowed Parks and Recreation and Public Works staff to respond in a timely manner in resolving tree/sidewalk issues without the added conflict with adjacent property owners who were previously responsible for repair and maintenance of both.

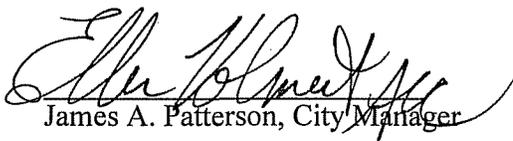
In the first year of the UFMF, staff have been able to implement elements of the Urban Forest Management Plan by prioritizing 1) long term tree care, including hazard tree removal and performing routine pruning to reduce the blockage of street signs and obstructions to viewing traffic at intersections, 2) the development of a young tree maintenance program, including structural pruning to prevent future hazards and 3) educational outreach for local citizens to provide information on proper tree care. In addition, a reserve fund is being established in preparation of major storm events, which can cause wide-spread damage in a short period of time.

The new fee has met the goal of implementing pieces of the Urban Forest Management Plan and enhancing the response to hazardous tree issues.

RECOMMENDATION:

This report is for information only.

Review and concur,


James A. Patterson, City Manager

MEMORANDUM

TO: Administrative Services Committee

FROM: Mary Steckel, Interim Public Works Director 

DATE: April 19, 2012

SUBJECT: Final Report on the Process for Addressing Single-use Plastic Bags

ISSUE

The Administrative Services Committee requested staff to conduct a public process and to develop a recommendation to reduce the use of single-use plastic carryout bags.

BACKGROUND

In April 2011, the Corvallis City Council supported passage of Oregon Senate Bill 536, which would have prohibited the use of single-use plastic and non-recyclable paper carryout bags. Corvallis City Council Resolution 2011-06 stated that, in the event that the Legislature did not adopt this legislation, the City Council “may consider enacting a local ordinance regulating single-use plastic and non-recycled paper carryout bags, including prohibiting such bags, mandating recycling of such bags or other restriction methods.”

On November 7, 2011, a representative of the Marys Peak Group of the Sierra Club presented to the City Council a draft ordinance entitled “Encouraging Reusable Bags and Prohibiting the Use of Single-Use Plastic Carryout Bags.” The Council referred the ordinance to the Administrative Services Committee (ASC) and directed staff to develop a timeline (Attachment A) for a process to gather stakeholder and public input on policy options to address the issues raised in the Sierra Club ordinance. The ASC and Council subsequently clarified that the goal was to “reduce the use of single-use plastic bags.”

Stakeholder and Public Meetings

During January and February, City staff facilitated three stakeholder meetings to identify and develop options for reducing the use of single-use plastic bags. See Attachment B for a description of staff’s outreach efforts. The meetings resulted in agreement on the scope of the reduction and three options for achieving the goal:

- Scope: Reduce from all retail locations (excluding restaurants) single-use plastic (synthetic or natural) carryout bags that are provided at point of sale and that are less than 2.25 mils thick.
 - Restaurants were excluded for the purpose of safeguarding public health and safety during the transport of prepared take-out foods and prepared liquids intended for consumption away from the restaurant premises.
 - Both natural and synthetic plastics were included because the City’s waste hauler cannot distinguish between the two for recycling and natural plastics cause the same problems for collection and disposal at the materials recovery facility.

- Specifying point of sale distinguishes from other bags for which there are exclusions (see Attachment C for exclusions and working definitions)
- According to most legislation banning plastic bags, including Oregon Senate Bill 536, bags less than 2.25 mils thick are not considered reusable.

Stakeholders agreed upon the following options to reduce use of single-use plastic bags and developed pros and cons for each (Attachment D). The group discussed improving recycling of plastic bags but did not consider recycling a policy option because it does not meet the Council goal of reducing the use of plastic bags.

1. Ban on plastic bags with a fee on paper bags. The fee would stay with the retailer to offset the cost of shifting to paper. The fee would not be required for businesses with fewer than 25 employees.
 - A representative from the Northwest Grocery Association (NWGA) said the organization could not support a ban on plastic bags that does not include a fee on paper bags. He noted that, in other cities that have banned plastic bags without a fee on paper, consumers have shifted to paper, which costs retailers more.
 - Businesses with fewer than 25 employees were excluded from the fee because they would find implementation more difficult than larger retailers (such as tracking the fee separate from the purchases for audit purposes).
2. Fee on plastic and paper bags. Retailers and consumers would still have the choice of paper or plastic. The fee would stay with the retailer, but would not be required for businesses with fewer than 25 employees.
3. Voluntary education of and by retailers about the plastic problem to encourage use of reusable bags. Details such as who would lead the effort were not fleshed out.

Stakeholder participants agreed that a survey would be useful to better understand the impact a ban or fee would have on Corvallis retailers. The ASC concurred and directed staff to prepare a community survey as well to assess support for the options under consideration. The community survey was posted on the City's plastic bag Web page and publicized in the *Gazette Times*. The retailer survey was distributed by the business networks (e.g., Corvallis Chamber of Commerce, Downtown Corvallis Association) participating in the stakeholder meetings. Both surveys ran from March 9 through April 6.

In April, staff held a meeting of the general public to present the process and options, gather input on the pros and cons of each option, and allow each participant to vote for an option. About 30 people attended the meeting.

DISCUSSION

A compilation of the public input received via Council and Public Works email from November 7 until May 2 is attached (Attachment E). Input received after May 2 will be provided at the ASC meeting. Additional public comments were provided through the online surveys and documents submitted to staff at public meetings.

Comments from the correspondence are broken into broad categories in the table below.

Support for...	# Responses	% of Total
Ban on plastic	135	55
No ban on plastic	102	41
Fee on plastic	6	2
Fee on paper	7	3
No fees	86	35
Increase recycling	87	35
Increase education	85	35
No action	5	2
Refer to ballot	2	1

The environmental organizations (Sierra Club, Environment Oregon, Oregon Surfrider Foundation) strongly favor Option 1, which looks most like the ordinance they presented to the City Council in November. The NWGA supports Option 1 because it includes the fee on paper bags, which would allow retailers to recoup at least some of the additional cost of paper. There was little support in correspondence, surveys, or the public meeting for Option 2, which would impose fees on both plastic and paper with no ban. Option 3, a voluntary program, was popular with opponents of Options 1 and 2.

The community survey yielded 1,086 responses. In addition to answering the multiple choice questions, hundreds of comments were provided (Attachment F). Despite staff and stakeholder outreach, there were only 74 responses to the retailer survey (Attachment G). Few of the large businesses that use single-use plastic carryout bags completed the survey; only five respondents reported providing more than 5,000 single-use plastic carryout bags in one year. More than 20% of respondents were Farmers' Market vendors.

The public meeting was the only time that people were asked to vote for a particular option. The results were as follows:

Option 1 (ban plastic; fee on paper)	14
Option 2 (fee on plastic and paper)	3
Option 3 (voluntary program)	8

Implementation Challenges

As the meetings and the surveys proceeded, staff researched how the options under discussion could be implemented. While a few other cities have passed plastic bag bans with pass-through fees on paper, these are in states whose legislation gives them authority to do so. No city in Oregon has passed a ban with a pass-through fee. The unsuccessful Oregon Senate Bill 536 did include a \$0.05 fee on paper bags that would be retained by the retailer, but this would have been enforced on the State level, through the Department of Environmental Quality. Although "model ordinances" exist to reduce plastic bags and accomplish other environmental goals, when applied to Corvallis, significant challenges became apparent.

Legal

According to the City Attorney, the City of Corvallis has the inherent authority to charge and collect a tax on plastic and paper bags to discourage their use on the grounds that it is a legitimate health, safety, or general welfare governmental purpose. The City also has an inherent police power that gives it the ability to regulate businesses. The City can require businesses to obtain a permit or license, subject to regulatory conditions, to distribute single use plastic bags. Fees or charges for such a permit are within the City's authority.

It is not clear, however, whether the City has the authority to mandate a fee that it does not collect. Fixing a minimum price for single-use bags in a way that is not a tax, license or permit may violate the Commerce clause (Article I, Section 8 of the US Constitution), which gives the US Congress the ability to regulate commerce among the states. In the past, that clause has been read very broadly (e.g., growing wheat for your personal use affects interstate commerce because you might not buy it elsewhere on the market, reducing demand). This complicated and uncertain area of constitutional law could turn on some obscure provision of federal or state statutes that seem only remotely related to the question of single-use bags. Without clear authority to mandate a fee that it does not collect, the City risks a legal challenge to any ordinance requiring retailers to charge a fee that they would retain.

Resource Constraints

Staff envisions that enforcement of any ordinance banning or assessing fees on single-use bags would be complaint driven, but even that would require additional staff resources or a reprioritization of current tasks. The only way the City could ensure that retailers were charging a fee would be to require them to code it as a cost in their computer systems, run totals, and then check that against bag orders and inventory—essentially placing the City in the position of auditing the retailers to ensure they were charging the bag fees appropriately. The cost for this kind of audit would be significant, with no offsetting revenue to the City.

The resources required further depend on the enforcement mechanism included in the ordinance. The City Attorney says one of four mechanisms could be applied: incentives, criminal misdemeanor penalties, violation or infraction penalties, or civil penalties. Each is likely to have associated total costs that exceed the amount collected (see Attachment H for discussion of probable costs).

Public Works staff have had conversations with the City Attorney's Office and the Community Development, Finance, and Police Departments, and none have capacity within present staffing to devote time to plastic bag enforcement. Moreover, there is no mechanism to recoup staff time expenses in those cases where the retailer is in compliance and no fine is assessed. Because there are no resources available to cover any of the enforcement mechanisms, staff is not making a recommendation on enforcement at this time.

CONCLUSION

To avoid the daunting legal and resource constraints, the only feasible way to achieve the Council goal as stated would be to ban single-use plastic carryout bags without imposing a fee on paper bags,

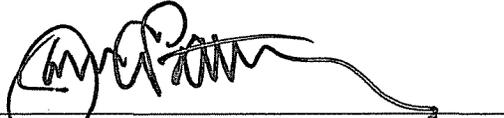
and have compliance be voluntary. Staff has drafted an ordinance to this effect (Attachment I), but acknowledges that an ordinance without enforcement is of questionable value. Passage of the draft ordinance is not likely to achieve the reduction in plastic bag use that might have been possible with the ordinance presented by the Sierra Club at the November 7 Council meeting, but staff believes the City could not defend from litigation or enforce that version.

The best outcome from a staff perspective would be achieved through State-wide legislation and to that end, staff will monitor bag ban activity at the State level and support those efforts as appropriate. In addition, staff will continue discussions with the business associations to determine whether any of the good ideas generated from the public process could be implemented with their lead. Finally, staff will speak with the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, specifically the Waste and Education Action Teams, about what grass-roots actions they could pursue to encourage retailers to reduce or eliminate the use of single-use plastic bags.

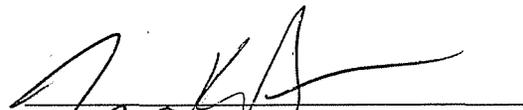
RECOMMENDATION

Staff requests the Administrative Services Committee recommend to the City Council that it not pursue an ordinance of any kind, but instead direct staff to look to our community partners to achieve Council's goal.

Review and concur:



James A. Patterson, City Manager



James K. Brewer, City Attorney

ATTACHMENTS

- A: Timeline
- B: Outreach Efforts for Stakeholder and Public Meetings
- C: Working Definitions
- D: Pros and Cons of Options
- E: Public Input
- F: Citizen Survey Results
- G: Retailer Survey Results
- H: Estimated Costs of Potential Enforcement Mechanisms
- I: Ordinance Banning Single-Use Plastic Carryout Bags

Attachment A: Timeline

Date	Objectives
January 10, 2012	Meeting 1: Convene work session with parties represented at the November 7 Council meeting (e.g. Sierra Club, NWGA, Chamber) to identify options for reducing the use of single-use plastic bags.
February 1, 2012 3:30 – 5:30 pm Madison Ave. Meeting Room	Meeting 2: Convene a meeting of stakeholders who would be directly affected, including as many local retail networks as possible (e.g., CIBA, Farmer’s Market) and external organizations with expertise on the subject (e.g., Oregon Surfrider Foundation, American Chemical Council). Develop possible options and alternatives to accomplish the stated goal, including pros and cons of each.
February 22, 2012	Meet with ASC to present work to date and provide an opportunity for Committee members to provide input.
February 29, 2012 1:30 – 3:30 pm Madison Ave. Meeting Room	Meeting 3: Hold a second meeting with the expanded stakeholder group to work through input from ASC and come up with a more refined option or options to take to the general public.
March 21, 2012	Meet with ASC to touch base on the direction of the option or options.
April 3, 2012 5:30 – 8:30 pm Corvallis Public Library	Meeting 4: Convene a meeting open to the general public to get feedback on the matrix of options.
May 9, 2012	Report to ASC on the outcomes of the meeting and seek direction on next steps.

Attachment B: Outreach Efforts for Stakeholder and Public Meetings

Stakeholder meetings were intended for those who would be directly affected by the effort to reduce the use of plastic bags (e.g., retail businesses) and external organizations with expertise on the subject. Staff invited leaders of the Northwest Grocery Association (NWGA), Corvallis Chamber of Commerce (Chamber), Corvallis Independent Business Alliance (CIBA), and Downtown Corvallis Association (DCA), all of whom agreed to represent their member businesses at the meetings. The representative from NWGA volunteered to contact food retailers that are not members of NWGA or Corvallis retail networks. In addition, staff contacted the Oregon Neighborhood Store Association, which represents the convenience retail industry. Executive Director Richard Kosesan agreed to be the information channel for Corvallis convenience stores.

Staff then reviewed the memberships of the above organizations to determine which Corvallis retailers were not represented and would need to be contacted by City staff, as opposed to being informed by membership organizations. A list was developed and letters were sent inviting those retailers to attend one or both of the February stakeholder meetings.

External organizations with expertise on the subject included the Oregon Surfrider Foundation, which assisted with the draft ordinance that was presented to the Council in November; Environment Oregon, which does research and advocacy on the plastic bag issue; and the Audubon Society of Corvallis. In addition, staff contacted Tim Shestek, Director of State Affairs for the American Chemistry Council (ACC). Mr. Shestek responded that the ACC no longer represents bag makers on these types of issues and forwarded the invitation to Mark Daniels, an executive at South Carolina-based plastic bag manufacturer Hilex-Poly.

The following retail businesses, which are not represented by NWGA, CIBA, DCA, or the Chamber, were sent letters of invitation:

AutoZone	Knecht's Auto Parts
Bed, Bath & Beyond	Maurices
Creative Crafts & Frame Shop	Michael's Arts & Crafts
Dollar Tree - Circle Blvd	Office Max
Dollar Tree - Philomath Blvd	Petco
Fashion Bug	Ross Dress for Less
Home Depot	T. J. Maxx
Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft	Trumps Hobbies
Kmart	Tuesday Morning

Community outreach efforts included the creation of a page on the City's website devoted to the plastic bag issue, two press releases that resulted in articles in the *Gazette-Times*, public and government access channel bulletin board messages, and a public meeting at the Library. Communications emphasized that direct public input could be sent to the Public Works Department for inclusion in Administrative Services Committee packets.

Attachment C: Working Definitions

Plastic: Any of a group of synthetic or natural organic materials that may be shaped when soft and then hardened (generally heated, then cooled).

Retail establishment: Any store or vendor—except those where the primary business is the preparation or food or drink—located within or doing business within the geographical limits of the City of Corvallis that sells or offers for sale goods at retail.

Carryout / checkout bag: 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 from the retail establishment. This definition does not include:

- Bags used by customers inside the retail establishment to:
 - Package bulk items, such as fruit, vegetables, nuts, grains, candy or small hardware items;
 - Contain or wrap frozen foods, meat, fish, whether packaged or not;
 - Contain or wrap flowers, potted plants, or other items where dampness may be a problem;
 - Contain unwrapped prepared foods or bakery goods.
- Pharmacy prescription bags.
- Newspaper bags, door-hanger bags, laundry dry cleaning bags, or bags sold in packages containing multiple bags intended for use as garbage, pet waste, or yard waste bags.
- Product bags.
- Reusable bags.

Reusable bag: A bag with handles that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse and is made of:

- Cloth or other machine-washable fabric; or
- Durable plastic that is at least 2.25 mils thick.

Attachment D: Pros and Cons of Options

(Developed with input from stakeholder and public meetings)

Option 1: Ban on plastic with fee on paper bags

The fee would stay with the retailer to offset the cost of shifting to paper bags.

The fee would not be required for businesses with fewer than 25 employees.

Pros	Cons
Partial or complete offset of retailer cost for shift to paper bags.	Increases consumer costs if they don't use reusable bags.
Significantly reduces the usage of single-use plastic bags and associated impacts.	May be disincentive to shop in Corvallis.
Provides an incentive to change behavior.	Limits retailer and consumer choice.
Policy effectiveness is measurable (based on retailer revenues, number of bags purchased).	Need to monitor / enforce requires additional City staff resources.
Alternatives to single-use bags readily available.	May have disproportionate impact on low-income populations.
Co-op experience shows this reduces paper bag use.	If applied to a subset of retailers, leads to an "uneven playing field."
Fastest way to achieve goal.	Can the City regulate this?
	Paper has equal or greater environmental impact.
	Disrupts the free market process.

Option 2: Fee on both plastic and paper bags

Retailers and consumers would still have the choice of paper or plastic. The fee would stay with the retailer, but would not be required for businesses with fewer than 25 employees.

Pros	Cons
Retains retailer and consumer choice.	Increases consumer costs if they don't use reusable bags.
Significantly reduces the usage of single-use plastic bags and associated impacts.	May be disincentive to shop in Corvallis.
Provides an incentive to change behavior.	Need to monitor / enforce requires additional City staff resources.
Policy effectiveness is measurable (based on retailer revenues, number of bags purchased).	May have disproportionate impact on low-income populations.
Partial or complete offset of bag cost to retailer.	If applied to a subset of retailers, leads to an "uneven playing field."
Simplifies – every bag has a financial cost.	Complicates (for charge alone).
Corvallis highlighted as progressive community.	Sets precedent for future. How far will the regulations go?
Sets precedent for future change (for all three options).	Does not eliminate plastic check-out bags.
Incentive to shop in Corvallis to support environmental leadership.	If fees are different for paper and plastic, could lead to increased use of plastic.
Visible cost of bag has greater impact than hidden cost.	Increased environmental costs of people traveling to shop in Albany.

**Option 3: Voluntary education program about the plastic problem
and to encourage reusable bags**

Details of this option, such as who would lead the effort, have not been developed.

Pros	Cons
Retains retailer and consumer choice.	With large population of students, education would need to be continuous.
No enforcement required.	Less significant measurable impact than Options 1 or 2.
Scalable – could be ramped up.	Resources needed from the community to develop, run, and oversee the program.
Less impact on retailer operations than Options 1 or 2.	Ongoing programs hard to maintain with volunteers.
Fits in with Corvallis' reputation as environmental steward.	Without reward or punishment, progress doesn't happen
Should happen in conjunction with Options 1 or 2.	Very undefined. Effectiveness is questionable.
Could build on OSU's recycling program.	Hear too much already. Falls on deaf ears.
Avoids backlash from those opposed to ban/fee.	Not everyone wants to be educated.
Provides a purpose for some activists.	Could strengthen resistance (facts conflict with disbelief)

Attachment E: Public Input

Single-Use Plastic Bag Reduction

Public Testimony E-Mails to Mayor and Councilors

Received through Wednesday, May 2, 2012



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<web>Please resist plastic bag ban

- To: ward8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: <web>Please resist plastic bag ban
- From: Thierheimer@xxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Sat, 5 Nov 2011 09:21:09 -0700
- Reply-to: <Thierheimer@xxxxxxxxxx>

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:
 Charles L. Thierheimer
 Thierheimer@xxxxxxxxxx
 prefer phone contact: no

Mr Traber

I long ago realized that banning lightweight plastic bags will have little impact compared to the environmental degradation of our planet caused by 7 billion humans. Damage to ocean life by plastic bags while regrettable is minute when compared to the damage of millions of tons of untreated sewage and pollution entering the oceans from underdeveloped and developing parts of the world. Corvallis citizens (I believe) use and re-use plastic bags and then dispose of them properly.

The proposed ban is naive and another example of the pressure group politics of American and Corvallis representative democracy. Disposable paper bags will not be banned and are undesirable due to energy and water usage during manufacture.

Different topic:

I appreciate the time and effort that you invest into being a city councilor but ... an emailed newsletter (to citizens that register) or a website hosted by the city where citizens in your ward may see your thoughts and positions on issues before the city.

Regards,

Chuck Thierheimer



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<web>Please support plastic bag ban

- *To:* ward2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* <web>Please support plastic bag ban
- *From:* benefit1970@xxxxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Sat, 5 Nov 2011 16:07:44 -0700
- *Reply-to:* <benefit1970@xxxxxxxxxx>

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:

Brandon Goldner
benefit1970@xxxxxxxxxx
prefer phone contact: no

Hello Councillor Hogg-

I live in your ward, and I wanted to quickly write and ask you to support the plastic bag ban that will be before the council on Monday.

I believe that people should be able to do whatever they want, so long as it doesn't harm others. Data has shows that using disposable plastic bags is extraordinarily harmful to the Earth, its systems, and its plant and animal life (including humans). Therefore, our society should regulate the use of these bags.

I also believe that this is better settled at the State level... however, they were given an opportunity to act, and failed to do so. Therefore, I think it's imperative that communities begin regulating the use of plastic bags and lobby the State legislature to revisit the issue.

Thank you for your time, and I hope you will support the banning of disposable plastic bags.

Take care,

-Brandon Goldner


Corvallis, OR 97333

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<web>Please support the city-wide ban on plastic bags

- *To:* ward2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* <web>Please support the city-wide ban on plastic bags
- *From:* corinna.fletcher@xxxxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Sun, 6 Nov 2011 16:56:09 -0800
- *Reply-to:* <corinna.fletcher@xxxxxxxxxx>

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:

Corinne Fletcher
corinna.fletcher@xxxxxxxxxx
prefer phone contact: no

Dear City Councilor Roen Hogg,

As a resident of Ward 2 in Corvallis, a voter, and an advocate for a healthy and sustainable planet, I am writing to urge you to support the proposed city ordinance to ban single-use plastic bags.

Plastic bags are ecologically destructive in their production, consumption, and disposal. They require oil (about 12 million barrels annually in the United States) and energy to be produced and then less than 5% are recycled, leaving 95% in landfills and oceans -- killing plants and animals, especially marine life, who ingest mass amounts of our plastics. The myth that convenience should take precedence over environmental and social responsibility must be seriously questioned.

The cool thing is that Corvallis can take on this problem. We have a supportive and concerned community that can act as a national model for transitioning beyond single-use plastic bags. And for those retailers who still find it necessary to offer customers the "choice" of plastic, they should be able to source more ecologically responsible compostable plastic bags. Please pass the city ordinance that will ban single-use plastic bags and let's empower our community to be more creative in our consumption of the earth's resources and committed to sustaining the environment for other communities, animals, and generations.

Thank you!
Corinne Fletcher

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<web>Support for Plastic Bag Ban

- To: ward2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: <web>Support for Plastic Bag Ban
- From: liggett@xxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Sun, 6 Nov 2011 16:25:57 -0800
- Reply-to: <liggett@xxxxxxxxxxxx>

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:
 Catherine Liggett
 liggett@xxxxxxxxxxxx
 prefer phone contact: no

Dear Councillor:

I live in your ward, and I wanted to quickly write and ask you to support the plastic bag ban that will be before the council on Monday.

I believe that people should be able to do whatever they want, so long as it doesn't harm others. Data has shows that using disposable plastic bags is extraordinarily harmful to the Earth, its systems, and its plant and animal life (including humans). Therefore, our society should regulate the use of these bags.

Thank you for your time, and I hope you will support the banning of disposable plastic bags.

Sincerely,

Catherine Liggett



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Re: <web>Plastic bag ban

- *To:* rarenew@xxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Re: <web>Plastic bag ban
- *From:* mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Mon, 7 Nov 2011 10:11:44 -0800 (PST)
- *Cc:* Ward 1 <ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hello,

Thank you for your message. The City Council will be discussing this issue at its noon meeting today and will determine how to proceed. I am sharing your comment with Council President Mark O'Brien for his future reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: rarenew@xxxxxxxx
To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Sent: Saturday, November 5, 2011 3:24:07 PM
Subject: <web>Plastic bag ban

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:
Raymond Newby
rarenew@xxxxxxxx
prefer phone contact: no

I like plastic bags. I would sign a petition opposing plastic bag banning. Corvallis retailers should also oppose banning to prevent customer defection to Philomath and Albany retailers.

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Re: <web>Plastic bag ordinance

- To: adamskis@xxxxx
- Subject: Re: <web>Plastic bag ordinance
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Mon, 7 Nov 2011 10:10:38 -0800 (PST)
- Cc: Ward 1 <ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hello,

Thank you for your note. I am sharing your comments with Council President Mark O'Brien for his future reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: adamskis@xxxxx
To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Sent: Monday, November 7, 2011 9:24:42 AM
Subject: <web>Plastic bag ordinance

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:
Amy John Adamski
adamskis@xxxxx
prefer phone contact: no

Dear Ms. Manning,
We are writing to you on behalf of the proposed ordinance that we understand will be up to consideration by the council today.
We are NOT in favor of this ordinance going through. While we are not necessarily a fan of the single use of plastic bags we see no need for another ordinance that dictates a policy that is already being addressed on a state and personal level.

We feel that market forces will bring about this change on their own. We have already seen businesses switch back to the use of paper and reusable bags for purchases.

We would rather see efforts go into educating people on the dangers of plastic bags and the benefits of using reusable bags.

We need to be mindful of the restrictions and burdens we lay on our stores and shops in this tough economic times too.
And who gets this "fee" that would be charged for using a paper bag? Oh yeah- probably the "bag" police.

We believe that the people of Corvallis will, in time, by their own choice, turn to using reusable bags for purchases.

Thank you.
Amy and John Adamski

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Plastic Bag testimony

- *To:* ward7@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, ward6@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, ward4@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, ward9@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, ward3@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, ward8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, ward2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, ward7@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, ward6@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, ward4@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, ward9@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, ward3@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, ward8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, ward2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Plastic Bag testimony
- *From:* corvallismatters@xxxxxxx
- *Date:* Mon, 7 Nov 2011 15:04:14 -0500 (EST)

November 7, 2011

To the Corvallis City Council

The plastic bag ban is expected of Corvallis. At the end of the 2011 legislative session *The Oregonian* discussed what didn't get done. Since the legislature did not do anything about plastic bags *The Oregonian* said that places like Portland and Corvallis will be certain to act on this issue. Yes, the legislature should have taken care of it, but since they did not, it is expected that Corvallis will to nudge the legislature to do something at their next session. This proposal takes that into account.

Business owners are already passing the cost of bags onto the customers. This is just directing businesses to overtly tell the customers they are paying for the bags rather than hide it as a cost of doing business. It is a fee that customers can choose to avoid by bringing their own bags. Certainly all businesses, large and small can do that. It is probably more difficult for larger chain stores than independent local businesses to do this.

Each summer we go to the Cayman Islands. For a few years I was collecting enough plastic bags from other people to crochet 2 plastic tote bags each summer. The in 2010 the Cayman Islands started charging a nickel per bag. In the last two years I have only collected enough plastic bags to make the bottom of one bag. Making people pay for bags changes their behavior.

I have two articles here on nurdles. Nurdles are the plastic pellets used to make plastic bags. The manufacturers are very careless about using nurdles and they get into waterways, killing thousands of fish and birds that mistake them for food. They make up 10% of the plastic waste on beaches around the world. Your ban on plastic bags will help stop the killing of wildlife.

What happens next? Debra and the Sierra Club have done a fantastic job of research on this proposal. Where will it go from here? A few years ago Jesse Marley brought you a proposal to ban plastic bags and you did nothing. OSU students brought a well-researched proposal to ban polystyrene and you did nothing. What happens after this presentation today? What action will you be taking and when?

Louise Marguerite

CORVALLIS, OR 97330

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<web>PROPOSED PLASTIC BAG ORDINANCE for CORVALLIS

- To: ward9@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: <web>PROPOSED PLASTIC BAG ORDINANCE for CORVALLIS
- From: hjmarx44@xxxxxxxx
- Date: Mon, 7 Nov 2011 11:26:49 -0800
- Reply-to: <hjmarx44@xxxxxxxx>

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:

Harold Marx

hjmarx44@xxxxxxxx

prefer phone contact: no

This ordinance is misguided.

My wife and I do use multiple use bags which is the intent of this ordinance, however, we also have secondary uses for the "single use" bags.

While there are issues with the so-called "single use" bags, which this ordinance seems to be directed, it misses the secondary uses that the bags serve. These bags have many secondary uses which are ignored and will result in unintended consequences.

The following are just a few that I have used the bags.

Trash bags

Kitty litter, dog waste

Short-term storage of paint brushes/rollers

Paint roller tray liners

Unintended consequences:

It will cost the consumer more financially to purchase plastic bags in quantity, many of which are heavier and sturdier than the "single-use" bags this ordinance is attempting to eliminate. Therefore, they will not degrade as quickly.

The paper bags, being heavier than the plastic bags, will use more energy to ship. There are trade-offs that have not been considered in the area of energy usage.

Paint brushes and rollers will be washed after day of painting even if they will be used again the next day. More water purification and sewage treatment by the city.

Studies have shown:

R-usable bags have contained lead. These bags could end up on the landfill if discarded, or in the water stream if laundered.

Re-usable bags are contaminated by bacteria and can cause disease and illness. To avoid the above, bags need to be washed on a regular basis. This result is the increased use of water and sewer treatment.

The life cycle assessment of the "single-use" bags suggest that the cotton bag is not that much more environmental friendly than the plastic bags.

In places where the "single-use" bags are banned, the sale of packaged plastic bags goes up substantially, and in some cases, more bags are sold than eliminated.

Grocery stores sometimes require double bagging with paper bags.

There are other problems with the course of action. To help you and the other councilors make an intelligent decision, please review the following:

<http://www.apmbags.com/bagmyths>

This site has dog in the fight, but raises some interesting issues.

<http://www.preventandsave.ie/documents/Guides%20and%20Reports/Life%20Cycle%20Analysis%20%28LCA%29%20on%20Plastic%20Bags.pdf>

Lot of content and summary of other studies. Not cut and dry one way or the other. Read the conclusion on page 24.

http://uanews.org/pdfs/GerbaWilliamsSinclair_BagContamination.pdf

Report on a study re: bacterial contamination of re-usable bags.

Please consider all information on this subject and not act based on the "feel good" presented by environmental organizations.

If environmental organizations paid for the unintended consequences of their positions, perhaps they would think through their positions more clearly.

Harold Marx


Corvallis, OR

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Re: <web>Support for single use plastic bag ordinance

- *To:* kathy dabnet <kathy.dabnet@xxxxxxxx>
 - *Subject:* Re: <web>Support for single use plastic bag ordinance
 - *From:* mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
 - *Date:* Mon, 7 Nov 2011 10:12:39 -0800 (PST)
 - *Cc:* Ward 1 <ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
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Hello,

Thank you for your message. I am sharing your comments with Council President Mark O'Brien for his future reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "kathy dabnet" <kathy.dabnet@xxxxxxxx>
To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
Sent: Thursday, November 3, 2011 2:01:29 PM
Subject: <web>Support for single use plastic bag ordinance

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:

Kathy Brewer
kathy.dabnet@xxxxxxxx
prefer phone contact: no

I am writing to express my support for the ban of point of purchase single use plastic bags. I live just outside of the Corvallis city limits so I do not have a City Council representative, but I work and shop in Corvallis.

Market of Choice is a great example of a mainstream, large scale retailer in town that does not use point of sale single use plastic bags. Such a ban does not impact the customer experience, it just forces a more environmentally responsible option. Paper bags are far more likely to be recycled, are made from renewable resources, and if made from recycled content, have a demonstrably smaller env footprint than plastic bags.

Corvallis already has such a great reputation for leading the way to more sustainable communities. This is just one more very visible measure we can take to continue on that path.

Best regards,

Kathy Brewer
Environmental Engineer



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<web>plastic bags

- *To:* ward6@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* <web>plastic bags
- *From:* tomjensen37@xxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Tue, 8 Nov 2011 17:49:18 -0800
- *Reply-to:* <tomjensen37@xxxxxxxxxxxx>

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:

tom jensen
tomjensen37@xxxxxxxxxxxx
prefer phone contact: no

Don't ban plastic bags. They are reusable and recycleable, and are made from a petroleum waste product. No bags means more waste. Promoting paper bag use promotes tree cutting. I say, "NO".

How about weaning the public by charging \$0.25/plastic bag? Plastic bags have innumerable secondary uses, like picking up pet poo, holding wet things, keeping my hike seat dry, using for household garbage or food waste, etc. People often shop impulsively and don't have their own bags with them. Don't ban plastic bags. How about continue with educating the population instead of prohibiting the item? tj

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FW: NWGA's Changes to Plastic Bag Ordinance

- *To:* "Patterson, Jim" <Jim.Patterson@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "ward8@xxxxxxx" <ward8@xxxxxxx>, <ward1@xxxxxxx>, <ward6@xxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* FW: NWGA's Changes to Plastic Bag Ordinance
- *From:* Biff Traber <biff.traber@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 10 Nov 2011 10:06:11 -0800
- *Cc:* Debra Higbee-Sudyka <dwhigbe@xxxxxxx>

Title: **FW: NWGA's Changes to Plastic Bag Ordinance**

Jim
Mark
Joel

See below and attached from Debra Higbee-Sudyka. It does contain a number of changes from the NWGA for us to include in our consideration.

To recap (to my recollection) what we concluded yesterday about next steps, our next ASC meeting will have on its agenda a report from staff that will include at least a proposed timeline for working the ban ordinance including a schedule for public hearing and other input on the subject. Staff will also be collecting input on changes to the ordinance from sources like the NWGA and the chamber/small retailers. The attached document helps that effort.

Please add any corrections or refinement to the above.

Thanks
Biff

----- Forwarded Message

From: Debra Higbee-Sudyka <dwhigbe@xxxxxxx>
Date: Wed, 9 Nov 2011 21:42:51 -0800
To: Biff Traber <biff.traber@xxxxxxxxxxx>
Subject: NWGA's Changes to Plastic Bag Ordinance

Biff,

I've attached the changes that the Northwest Grocery Association would like to make to the Corvallis Ordinance. Our attorney, Daniel Snyder, and I looked over the changes, and in the spirit of cooperation and in a effort to have them fully support the ordinance, most of the changes are acceptable.

Did you decide in the Administrative Services Committee meeting today, when you'll be working on the Ordinance? Let me know how I can help you.

And if you have any questions, let me know.

Debra Higbee-Sudyka

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<<http://thirdpartyoffers.juno.com/TGL3142/4ebb6464741e716715bdst05duc>> ConsumerLifestyles.org



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<web>plastic bag ban

- *To:* mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* <web>plastic bag ban
- *From:* kh.1942@xxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Tue, 15 Nov 2011 12:27:09 -0800
- *Reply-to:* <kh.1942@xxxxxxxxxxxxx>

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:
 Kent Hansen
 kh.1942@xxxxxxxxxxxxx
 prefer phone contact: no

Before you and the council decide on the plastic bag ban, please read this article, and clip on the link for the full text.

Environment Issues
 November 14, 2011

Plastic Bag Bans Are Bad for the Environment

The past several years have seen a groundswell of regulations on plastics, particularly plastic bags and cups and food containers made from polystyrene or Styrofoam. Supporters of these bans mostly claim that such policies promote environmental protection, when in reality they carry considerable environmental tradeoffs and impose needless burdens on consumers and economic growth, says Angela Logomasini, a senior fellow at the Competitive Enterprise Institute.

Plastic bags generate 39 percent less greenhouse gas emissions than regular paper bags and require only 6 percent of the water necessary to make paper bags.

Simultaneously, they consume 71 percent less energy during production than paper bags and produce one-fifth the amount of solid waste.

Similarly, reusable bags are only more environmentally friendly than plastic bags if they are used 103 times, yet on average they are used only 51 times before they are thrown away.

A comparison of the environmental impacts of plastic cups with paper alternatives yielded similar results, with plastic causing 50 percent less solid waste by volume.

Much of the craze that has inspired frivolous and counterproductive environmental bans stems from news stories that emphasize the negative impacts of excessive pollution and littering. Specifically, numerous references are made by environmental blogs and activists to the infamous garbage "island" in the Pacific -- a giant trash heap that is "twice the size of Texas." However, researchers have debunked much of the hype regarding this "island" by showing that no such island exists. Regardless, concerns about littering should not provoke environmental bans -- they should provoke greater public support of antilittering movements, says Logomasini.

Source: Angela Logomasini, "Plastic Bag Bans Are Bad for the Environment," Competitive Enterprise Institute, November 8, 2011.

For text:

<http://cei.org/sites/default/files/Angela%20Logomasini%20-%20Plastic%20Bag%20Bans%20are%20Bad%20for%20the%20Environment%20-%20WebMemo.pdf>

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To: Administrative Services Committee
From: Dan Brown, Ward 4

November 17, 2011

Subject: Plastic Bag Ban

Advocates are dissatisfied with the current, voluntary approach based on educating folks to reduce their use of plastic shopping bags in Corvallis. They feel that it would be better for the City of Corvallis to prohibit them. Such a bag ban would be a significant public issue because it would affect the daily lives of virtually all buyers and sellers in Corvallis. At the same time, creating such a regulation is not fundamental to the City Charter.

As the advocates have pointed out, the extent to which we use plastic film worldwide has tremendous consequences. Marine life is damaged, the demand for scarce petroleum is increased, and US imports of oil have severe political and economic consequences, and current human life styles are creating too much solid waste. Although the negative consequences of plastic bag use are truly disgusting, they do not point to a particular solution.

Recommendation

In my opinion, the City Council should suggest to the advocate group that they take the Plastic Bag Ban to the voters as an initiative in a scheduled election. Through this fair political process, a vote would determine whether the citizens of Corvallis want such a regulation, or not. An election would be respectful to both the advocates and the others whose opinions are not currently known. An initiative is the essence of democracy.

By getting the required ($17,487 \times .15 = 2,623$) voters' signatures to place the measure on the ballot, the petitioners would have demonstrated that they meet a credible threshold of popular support. Whatever the electoral outcome, the cost to the City's general fund would be minimized, and Staff focus would not be diverted from any of our four current Council goals.

The two basic alternatives are, first, to delay Council consideration of the bag ban -- again, or second, to have Staff complete a thorough technical analysis of the scientific and economic issues involved so that the Council would make an informed decision. If we do the first, the pressure from advocates for regulation will just return in the future. If we do the second, the expense to the City will take money and time away from other Staff activities.

Problem Statement

The basic problem is the use of plastic film in the process for distributing food and other products through long [national and international] channels of distribution. There are practical reasons plastic film is used, i.e. the film provides desirable benefits to the distribution system: convenience, health safety, preservation, etc. The bottom line is that plastic film increases efficiency and lowers immediate monetary costs. Some consumers like to reuse bags, which are free, for other purposes: garbage, disposal of pet waste, bike seat covers, garage sale purchases, etc. Currently, there is substantial inertia for the world to continue what it is doing.

Feasible Solutions

As an academic, I am skeptical by nature and perceive every issue to be complicated. In this case, there are real costs and benefits to be considered. Before supporting a regulation to prohibit plastic shopping bags, I would want to understand the tradeoffs better. The overall impact on our remote community, acting alone, may be negative. We need metrics which will help us determine whether or not a bag ban would be "successful."

Benefits: In my current analysis, the benefits of a Corvallis shopping bag ban are very limited. In contrast to world population of 7 billion people, Corvallis is a town with a population of 55,000. There are a few hundred retail outlets in town, but studies consistently show that the vast majority of purchases made by Corvallis residents come from sellers in other locations (other cities or mail order). Most of the plastic film at the popular grocery stores is not in the shopping bag. I doubt that many plastic shopping bags originating in Corvallis are the cause of damage to marine wildlife in the southern hemisphere, and believe that motivated engineers could figure out a way to keep bags from fouling recycling machines. In summary, locally distributed plastic shopping bags are a very small part of the plastic film used by consumers in Corvallis and a minute fraction of the world problem.

Costs of Alternatives: Buyers need containers to get their goods home from stores. Alternative bags shift costs. Paper production is a dirty process, and the full life cycle cost of paper shopping bag alternatives is substantial. I don't know how the costs, including environmental impacts, of the two types of bags compare. But I suspect that peer-reviewed work on this topic has been done and that it can be found.

Externalities: We must recognize that a local regulation to prohibit plastic shopping bags will have predictable consequences. Less affluent citizens, like the lady who testified at the Nov. 7, 2011 Council meeting, will be affected more than the more affluent. Small independent shops in Corvallis will experience more inconvenience and expense than larger stores. A better solution might be more progressive.

Unintended Costs: Plastic film is central to the current distribution system. Around the world, plastic is dominant even at farmers' markets. Municipalities and other governments have been cautious about prohibiting plastic shopping bags. If Corvallis acts in the near future, we will be on the bleeding edge of the innovation curve. We risk making mistakes and making our community bear unnecessary costs.

Enforcement Costs: I don't understand the issue of enforcement. Will public safety officers or the underfunded Code Enforcement Officer be responsible? What will be the continuing cost to the City of enforcing the prohibition and how will we pay for it?

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Dear Councilwoman Raymond:

Please support the plastic-bag ban now under consideration in Corvallis.

We used to live in Germany, where they cost around \$1.00 each at the supermarket checkout. Almost nobody paid this and consequently very few plastic bags went into the environment.

This probably wouldn't work here, so the next best thing is to ban them entirely. Most people would quickly switch to canvas bags.

It's really very little inconvenience for most people, and it would ~~sure~~ help removing this blight on the environment.

Thanks,

Stefan Seyb

Victoria Bryson

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Plastic Bags

- To: ward6@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, ward8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx, ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Plastic Bags
- From: corvallismatters@xxxxxxx
- Date: Mon, 5 Dec 2011 23:49:39 -0500 (EST)

I am going to forward an article to you from the San Francisco Chronicle, "Shoppers may face fees for bags at stores." (15.Nov.2011.)
 The legislation is very likely to pass. Stores of all types and sizes will be required to charge 10¢ per bag, no matter what kind of bag it is. The store owners get to keep the profit.

To me that system makes the most sense. It is what they are doing in many European countries. It really changes consumer behavior. It is not a tax and gives the business owner a profit. The stores are actually already charging for the bags as a cost of doing business. This just makes the cost obvious. It give people a choice. They can get any kind of bag they want, they just have to pay up front for it. Those who want to bring their own bags can do that.

Newspaper bags, dry cleaning bags, meat, and vegetable bags as well as bags for items purchased in bulk will not be charged.

I have already said that I will help donate money for reusable bags for all those who cannot afford the dollar for a reusable bag. I have made such donations in the past.

I do ask that you pass some type of ordinance to reduce the use of plastic bags.

Louise Marguerite


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To: Administrative Services Committee

From: Debra Higbee-Sudyka, Marys Peak Group – Sierra Club
Charlie Plybon, Surfrider Foundation

Date: December 5, 2011

Subject: Response to the Process for Addressing Single-use Checkout Bags

We would like to thank you for laying out a timeline. We are encouraged by the good public process reflected in this document. In working on this issue and with other groups throughout the state and other states, we understand and value a sound a local approach to including all stakeholders in the development of a plan.

Regarding the **preliminary review of the ordinance and questions raised**. The Surfrider Foundation recognizes and is familiar with the questions and the preliminary options that have been raised. They have a lot of experience with plastic vs. paper, equity with retailer and consumers, and have worked through these questions in many cities and during the legislative session. Both the Sierra Club, and the Surfrider Foundation, are happy to participate and offer our experience in these discussions. We think these items merit discussion with local stakeholders.

Regarding the timeline recommendation. The proposed timeline--albeit longer than we would have hoped for--we think represents good public process. However, we do not feel that the American Chemical Council represents a genuine local stakeholder on this issue. The area of expertise, which they would bring to the subject, would be that of corporate interests in the production of plastic. They would not be representing the City of Corvallis or the State of Oregon. Inviting outside corporate interests into this discussion will invite political divisiveness.

We look forward to participating in the outlined process, and if there is any way we can help expedite the timeline, by volunteering our organization's expertise and resources, we would be encouraged by the opportunity.

To: Administrative Services Committee

From: Debra Higbee-Sudyka, Marys Peak Group – Sierra Club
Charlie Plybon, Surfrider Foundation

Date: December 6, 2011

Subject: Response to Councilor Brown’s Letter

We appreciate the opportunity to respond to the letter that Councilor Brown submitted to the Administrative Committee on November 17, 2011. We will be addressing each point that the councilor made below.

Recommendation

Councilor Brown suggests the “advocate group take the Plastic Bag Ban to the voters as an initiative.” However, the Council has already given approval for discussion, and is moving discussion forward. Why is it necessary to send it to the voters to reinforce the decision that has already been made? Further, if we are to engage in a ballot initiative process, it has to be very prescriptive language and precise to an ordinance. The Corvallis voters will need to know what the Plastic Bag Ban means, therefore you must detail the language of the full ordinance. It will be a difficult task to get that level of specificity for the voters to make an informed decision.

Every instance where this issue has been sent to the voters, it has invited the plastic industry, which monopolizes and controls the media with their public relations campaign (despite the fact that they are an outside interest). In Seattle, Washington two years ago, the industry spent 1.2 Million on a “save the plastic bag” campaign. In Hailey Idaho, where a high school environmental club got a plastic bag ordinance on a November 8th ballot, the school kids were outspent 100 to 1 by the plastic industry’s ad and marketing efforts to defeat the initiative. In both cases, local interests were lost to outside money. The question we should be asking here is: Do we want to invite political divisiveness to Corvallis through an industry that does not represent local interests, that does not employ people in Oregon, and that does not represent our Corvallis constituency? The industry will polarize the issue and Corvallis citizens will waste local resources to rebut an outside interest.

Councilor Brown also suggests there are two alternatives: 1) Delay, or 2) Conduct a technical analysis. The second alternative is what the council has made the recommendation to already do. Councilor Brown is suggesting it, as though it is not happening. But it is already happening right now. This would require the Council to reverse their previous decision, which is not the spirit of direction given to the Administrative Services Committee. We suggest that we continue down our current path and do the technical analysis through the Administrative Services Committee where local interested parties are well represented by the suggested timeline.

Problem Statement:

Councilor Brown’s reference to “plastic film” is unclear. If plastic film is used as a protective cover, it will aid in health, safety, and preservation. On the other hand, if plastic film is used for single-use checkout bags, it is for convenience. In our plastic bag policy, we are only talking about plastic film that is used for

convenience, not health, safety or preservation. It is our opinion, and the Northwest Grocery Association's, as well as the Food and Drug Administration's, that plastic film may be necessary for health and safety; and the preservation of meat, dairy and other products. It is our opinion that using plastic film in the form of single-use checkout plastic bags is for convenience, and is not a necessity. There are reusable and highly recyclable alternatives.

Councilor Brown also states that "Currently, there is substantial inertia for the world to continue what it is doing." We feel the opposite is true. This is supported by statements made by the United Nations, and the hundreds of bag bans and reduction policies implemented around the world and in the United States. We feel there is substantial interest to begin addressing this issue. Our country lags behind most nations around the world in addressing this.

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Benefits.

Councilor Brown asserts that the "benefits of a Corvallis shopping bag ban are very limited." In Oregon we have demonstrated for many years a legacy and leadership in landmark legislation. One great example of that is the bottle bill. Oregon acted alone on this, and the impacts of that policy world-wide can be felt today--through the adoption of other bottle bills and recycling policies around the US and globe. This is an example of how leadership on issues, can influence the world around us for the greater good. By acting in small groups we can make meaningful change within a larger entity. There are actions we take, such as beach cleanups, etc, which make a small and local difference. Hence the assertion that the benefits are limited should not stop us from acting, because feedback like the bottle bill tells us otherwise.

Indeed, the benefits of passing a bag ban will make a measureable difference in Corvallis. By eliminating plastic bags at the checkout counter, you will be immediately removing a measurable amount of waste generated in the City of Corvallis. We will still have plastic issues, but we will eliminate, based on Corvallis population, an estimated 22 million plastic bags out of our waste stream. Therefore, the benefits are not limited and quite measureable. We think this is something Corvallis can be proud of, and will benefit our local community.

We agree with Councilor Brown that "most of the plastic film ... is not in the shopping bag." We know there are other, larger problems with plastics, such as plastic lids, Styrofoam, etc. but they're not as easy to address. The single-use checkout plastic bags are one issue that the vast majority of people are willing and able to make a shift in behavior. We can eliminate one problem, and it will get people thinking more about other single-use plastic items.

Costs of Alternatives

Yes, "peer-reviewed work on this topic has been done." We have participated in life-cycle and carbon foot print analysis of paper versus plastic bags. However, the policy we are aiming to implement is not to shift consumers from plastic to paper, but to shift a substantial if not majority of consumers to reusable bags. Therefore a proper analysis should also include reusable bags.

We cannot assume everyone will shift to paper bags; that's not the intent of the policy. From our work in the legislative session we worked with pulp and paper mill industry and grocers to get a paper analysis for the lifecycle of paper bags. However, for plastic bags a full lifecycle analysis does not exist because of the following: a) We cannot track how many bags are being recycled, and b) Because of the non-biodegradable status of plastic bags, their impacts to the environment continue to increase. We know about paper bags – they degrade, and they are recycled and tracked. Whereas, for plastic bags, we cannot understand their full life cycle as we don't know how long it takes for them to degrade or the measurable impacts.

Externalities

Councilor Brown asserts “that a better solution might be more progressive.” We would be happy to entertain other solutions that would provide a measureable impact on the reduction of plastic. However, at this time, provided our communication with other businesses, and the on-going work of the Administrative Services Committee, we feel an ordinance such as this is the best option to provide a measureable impact.

It's important to note that given that many of the small independent shops are probably utilizing bags that are 2.25 or greater in thickness (such as the boutiques), they will not be impacted as much because bags of that thickness are excluded. The reason is the 2.25 bags are excluded is because they are durable and last longer, are more frequently reused and smaller stores use these.

Further, because we are covering the cost of one alternative (paper), small businesses have the opportunity, for the first time, to recoup the cost of bags at the point of sale. In these cases, things will not change other than the customer will be made aware of the cost that businesses are already expending.

Councilor Brown is correct that small independent shops will experience more impact. However these impacts will be offset by the 5-cent pass-through cost. A program to give away bags to the less affluent can also offset the impact to this demographic. A rigorous reusable bag give-away program to low income citizens of Corvallis – where there is a perceived impact – could provide enough reusable bags to support the under-advantaged community

Unintended Costs

Plastic single-use checkout bags are not “central to the current distribution system.” In recent years, a growing number of U.S. communities — from 30 townships in Alaska to the Outer Banks of North Carolina — have introduced some 200 anti-bag measures. Basically while municipalities might have been cautious, the delay of more communities in adopting bag bans is related to the political and corporate influence of the plastic industry.

All told, 25 percent of the world's population now lives in areas with bans or fees on plastic bags. We feel that rather than being on the “bleeding edge” we are behind the curve, especially given the number of countries outside the U.S. that have passed federal legislation. Some examples are: all of China, Rawanda, Philippines, Whales, South Africa, and more. There are excellent resources and lessons learned from policies instituted throughout the United States and the world. For more information see

plasticbaglaws.org. This is a resource for legislative bodies considering laws limiting the use of plastic bags.

Enforcement Costs

To answer Councilor Brown's questions regarding enforcement. The expectation is not that the Code Enforcement Officer is checking all the business, but rather a business may be reported for an infraction and the CEO will be contacted. The infraction will come with a fee that will pay for the cost of enforcement. It will be another line-item for the CEO. The CEO does not usually look for code violations, they listen for complaints. Therefore, the fines will pay for the cost of enforcement.

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[REDACTED]
Corvallis, Oregon 97330
December 2ed, 2011

PO Box 1083
Corvallis, Oregon 97339

Dear Councilor Brauner:

I am writing in regard to the proposed ban on plastic bags in retail stores. Similar bans have been enacted in many places not only in the state of Oregon but throughout the world. These bans have been highly successful in raising environmental awareness and lessening the amount of plastic in landfills. Portland and several other Oregon cities have recently initiated such bans following the state legislators' failure to initiate a state wide ban.

I would urge you to take action and vote in support of the banning of plastic bags in Corvallis. This ban will be an enormous benefit to our city and our environment. The ban is something that I believe will help our city become and environmentally friendly then we already are.

It is my belief that the ban that has been proposed would be highly beneficial to not only Corvallis but the environment as a whole. Plastic in landfills take ten to twenty years to decompose, and when you take account of the number bags tossed in to landfills a year, that is far to long for anything to be sitting around taking up space that simply cannot be spared in our landfills. Banning plastic bags will decrees the amount of trash in our landfills

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. I hope that you will consider the points I have made and the opinion I have presented.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Kari Hunter

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Corvallis, OR 97330
December 2, 2011

Counselor Biff Traber
PO Box 1083
Corvallis, OR 97339

Dear Counselor Traber:

Recently, there has been a large movement to protect the environment and raise awareness about the many different kinds of pollution harming our planet today. One of the most significant forms of pollution is plastic bag pollution. A typical plastic grocery bag is manufactured from polyethylene, a byproduct of petroleum and natural gas. These are both nonrenewable resources that release more greenhouse gases, and the energy used to make about 9 plastic bags is equivalent to the energy it takes to drive a car more than half a mile. Furthermore, this use of nonrenewable resources increases dependency on foreign oil.

The Corvallis City Council has sent a proposal for a citywide ban on plastic bags to the Administrative Services Committee of the City of Corvallis. I ask you, an elected official representing this community, to support this proposal.

This community has long been supportive of improving environmental health, and this plastic bag ban will stop damage to the environment and people through plastic bag use. Currently, each plastic bag costs three to five cents. However, clean up costs for each plastic bag is seventeen cents, so each taxpayer ends up paying about 88 dollars per year on plastic bags. Without the plastic bag ban, nonrenewable resources and energy will continue to be wasted on plastic bags. The plastic bag ban is necessary for a sustainable lifestyle.

Thank you for taking the time to consider and read through this letter.

Sincerely,



Claire Park



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Re: re-revised plastic bag timeline

- *To:* Mary Steckel <Mary.Steckel@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Re: re-revised plastic bag timeline
- *From:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Fri, 9 Dec 2011 16:53:17 -0800 (PST)
- *Cc:* Jim Patterson <Jim.Patterson@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Ward 8 <ward8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Ward 6 <Ward6@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Mary,

Thank you for all of your hard work on the revised single-use plastic bag outline. I also think you gave an excellent report to the committee on Wednesday. It was very helpful to me in developing a clearer picture on the intent of staff's plan. Here is my feedback.

I think the revised calendar meets the needs all concerned. It captures the intent of Council that the process moves forward in a purposeful manner while also allowing staff adequate time to develop a good outcome. As you testified, good outcomes in matters such as these take time. I defer to your judgment as to how much time is required. Given our fiscally constrained environment, I want to make sure that we develop a plan which will achieve our goals and that also stands the test of time. In other words, haste makes waste.

The additional dates for committee input nicely address my concerns regarding any disconnect between the A.S.C. and the ongoing process. I'd like to retain those on the calendar.

I concur with the addition of the language stating the intended outcome of this process as written. In my opinion, "identify options for reducing the use of single-use plastic bags" is a goal consistent with the intent of the Council and therefore is a reasonable starting point for discussion with stakeholders.

The effort which we are undertaking is large and likely to result in a fundamental change in the lives of citizens and ourselves. It is important. I would like to make sure we support an inclusive outreach.

I'm no expert on bags and I expect that there is valuable information to be gleaned from expertise inside and outside the local community. And I'm quite confident that local decision makers have the ability to appropriately, and without bias, consider and evaluate the merit of stakeholder input.

Limiting inputs doesn't seem, to me, to be in the spirit of an effective nor democratic process. An exclusionary process would simply be unfair and so I ask that we not artificially limit potential participants. I support staff's efforts to develop a balanced internal and external stakeholder group. Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Mark O'Brien
City Council President

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From: "Mary Steckel" <Mary.Steckel@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
To: "Ward 1" <ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Ward 8" <ward8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Ward 6" <Ward6@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
Cc: "Jim Patterson" <Jim.Patterson@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Sent: Friday, December 9, 2011 4:25:22 PM
Subject: re-revised plastic bag timeline

Administrative Services Committee members,

In the revised timeline on the plastic bag issue that I sent out this morning, two changes had been made. One added two more interactions with ASC and the other altered some of the item descriptions.

Based on a review of notes from the meeting on Wednesday and feedback on the revised timeline, it is apparent that at the meeting consensus was reached only on increasing the number of interactions with the Committee. Therefore, the timeline attached, which will be included with the ASC minutes to Council, only has the change to the number of meetings with the Committee.

Thank you,
Mary Steckel

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Re: re-revised plastic bag timeline

- *To:* Mary Steckel <Mary.Steckel@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Re: re-revised plastic bag timeline
- *From:* ward8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Sat, 10 Dec 2011 10:39:13 -0800 (PST)
- *Cc:* Ward 1 <ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Ward 6 <Ward6@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Jim Patterson <Jim.Patterson@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Mary

I very much preferred your initial set of changes to the timeline. I think the first version built on the good work you brought to the committee and reflected more accurately the sense of the committee discussion related to timing of meetings as well as the general goal and the type of input being actively sought. I would prefer to see it in the committee minutes.

I wonder why the change in revisions before seeing any councilor feedback. Your email refers to using consensus as the guiding principle. While I agree not all of us precisely agreed on all three points, I think the sense was that we were looking at a ordinance to meet the goal in the original revised timeline. It seems to me that a new requirement was placed on the results of committee discussions, I.e., explicit consensus short of a motion and vote, when making the second set of revisions. If that is the case, I guess I learned something about how to work in committee meetings.

I also preferred the revisions on who we actively include in the discussions. It reflected a goal of actively including local citizens, businesses and interest groups without inviting in outside organizations. If others want to join in, I have no desire to exclude them but do not see the value of inviting them.

Thank you for your work and patience with us as we work our way through this difficult topic.

Biff

----- Original Message -----

From: Mary Steckel <Mary.Steckel@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
 To: Ward 1 <ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Ward 8 <ward8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Ward 6 <Ward6@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
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Re: Single Use Plastic Bag Process Update

- *To:* Mary Steckel <Mary.Steckel@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Re: Single Use Plastic Bag Process Update
- *From:* ward8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Tue, 17 Jan 2012 09:31:07 -0800 (PST)
- *Cc:* Jim Patterson <Jim.Patterson@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Ward 1 <ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Ward 6 <Ward6@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Mary
Thanks
Biff

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To: "Ward 8" <ward8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
Cc: "Jim Patterson" <Jim.Patterson@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Ward 1" <ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Ward 6" <Ward6@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2012 8:36:40 AM
Subject: RE: Single Use Plastic Bag Process Update

Biff,

1. The scope limits the bags under consideration to carryout bags given at the point of sale, which for the majority of grocers would be defined as those given at the check-out. The scope does not include produce or deli meat bags.

2. Yes, under option 1 the fee would also stay with the retailer.

Mary

From: Ward 8
Sent: Monday, January 16, 2012 4:38 PM
To: Steckel, Mary
Cc: Patterson, Jim; Ward 1; Ward 6
Subject: Re: Single Use Plastic Bag Process Update

Mary

Thank you for the update. I appreciate your keeping us up to date. I had heard a bit about the meeting in a sustainability coalition meeting and it sounded like multiple participants found it to be a productive meeting.

I do have two clarification questions.

First, does the scope include those single use bags that carry things like produce or deli meats? If so, it is a significant expansion from what was originally proposed.

Second, does the comment on option 2 "fee stays with retailer" apply to option 1 as well?

Thanks

Biff

----- Original Message -----

From: "Mary Steckel" <Mary.Steckel@ci.corvallis.or.us>

To: "Ward 1" <ward1@council.ci.corvallis.or.us>, "Ward 6" <Ward6@council.ci.corvallis.or.us>, "Ward 8" <ward8@council.ci.corvallis.or.us>

Cc: "Jim Patterson" <Jim.Patterson@ci.corvallis.or.us>

Sent: Friday, January 13, 2012 12:25:49 PM

Subject: Single Use Plastic Bag Process Update

[Administrative Services Committee members,](#)

I wanted to give you a brief update on the single use plastic bag process. Staff met with representatives from the Sierra Club, the Northwest Grocers Association and the Corvallis Chamber of Commerce on January 10th, in keeping with your approved timeline. The meeting went very well and all attendees were willing and active participants in the agenda.

The results of this first in a series of meetings were agreement on the scope (i.e., which plastic bags would be targeted) and three options to explore more thoroughly in subsequent work sessions:

Scope: Reduce from all retail locations single-use plastic carryout bags that are provided at point of sale and that are less than 2.25 mils thick.

Options:

Ban on plastic bags with pass-through fee on paper bags (fee to offset cost shift to paper)

Retail pass-through fee on plastic and paper (fee stays with retailer)

Voluntary education of and by retailers about the plastic problem to encourage use of reusable bags.

The next step is a meeting in early February with an expanded group of stakeholders representing a wider portion of the retail community to flesh out the three options.

If you have any questions about what's taken place so far, please give me a call.

Mary Steckel

Interim Public Works Director

City of Corvallis

Public Works Department

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 - *From:* Steckel, Mary

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From: Steckel, Mary
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 1:28 PM
To: Lovett, Linda; Dybvad, Scott; De Jong, Kris; Steele, Adam
Subject: FW: plastics

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From: Louie, Kathy
Sent: Wednesday, February 22, 2012 1:22 PM
To: Patterson, Jim; Steckel, Mary
Subject: RE: plastics

FYI ...we will have copies made for ASC this afternoon ...k

Kathy,

If it is not too late for ASC today, please include the below email from Craig Cirello of Cirello's Pizza. Sorry I forgot to forward this earlier.

Joel

> Date: Fri, 20 Jan 2012 12:34:00 -0800
> From: [craig@](#) [REDACTED]
> To: [joelhirsch](#)
> Subject: Re: plastics

>
> Joel, Here's my 2 cents. Since there are 2 sides to the coin. My vote
> is to eliminate plastics. Corvallis/ Benton County leans toward
> 'green'. Eliminating plastic bags fits the image well. The sides of
> the coin can be debated until the cows come home. Choosing what appears
> to be the green side fits the communities M. O. So my vote goes to be
> the green side. This stems from Corvallis being progressive and merges
> well with the direction a lot of caring folks in town are working
> toward. I understand there are a lot of folks who wouldn't like it and
> would be disgusted with the choice. But I feel the shoe fits us in this
> decision.

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> All that said.....good luck with your decision. I know you put a
> lot of educated thought into such matters. Whatever you decide I'll
> respect your choice. Cirello

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Mayor Julie Manning and Corvallis City Council
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RE: Corvallis Ordinance: "Encourage Reusable Bags and Ban Single-Use Plastic Carryout Bags"

We, the undersigned business in Corvallis support and urge the Corvallis City Council to pass an Ordinance that promotes the use of reusable bags, bans plastic checkout bags and requires retailers to charge for paper checkout bags. Such a policy is needed to reduce waste and encourage people to shop with reusable bags.

Single-use plastic bags represent one of the greatest environmental catastrophes of our generation. Around 100 billion petroleum-based plastic checkout bags are used each year in the United States, requiring an estimated 12 million barrels of oil each year. Sadly, less than 5% of these bags are recycled each year and cities, counties, and non-profit organizations must pay millions of dollars each year to clean up plastic litter.

Further, it is estimated that 60-80% of all debris in the ocean is plastic. Plastics take hundreds of years to break down at sea and most types never truly biodegrade. As a result, marine animals often get entangled in the debris or mistake it for food.

Many other cities, such as Portland and Seattle, and countries throughout the world have taken similar action to eliminate plastic checkout bags and promote the use of reusable bags. It is now time for Oregon to demonstrate similar leadership in support of a sustainable future for all people and our natural environment.

Sincerely,

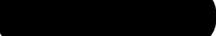
Name (CEO or owner): Brooke Dale
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Corvallis

From: Steckel, Mary
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2012 9:30 AM
To: Lovett, Linda; De Jong, Kris; Dybvad, Scott; Steele, Adam
Subject: FW: Hilex Poly
Attachments: 2011-2- Life Cycle Assessment of Supermarket.pdf; 2011- Life Cycle Assessment Plastic Bags in CA- Cal-State Chico.pdf; 2011- Beacon Hill-DCBagTaxStudy.pdf; 2010- Potential for Cross Contamination by Reusable Bags- UAZ.PDF; 2011-2-1- Study finds DC bag tax ineffective- Gleason.docx; 2011-2-22- Editorial- Myths shroud plastic bags.docx; Oregon - Garbage Patch article.docx; Recycling-of-Plastic-Bags-and-Wraps-Climbs-50-in-Five-Years.pdf

fyi...

From: Mark O'Brien [mailto:elect.obrien@
Sent: Monday, February 20, 2012 11:19 AM
To: Patterson, Jim; Steckel, Mary
Subject: Fwd: Hilex Poly

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From: Mark Daniels <Mark.Daniels@hilexpoly.com>
Date: Mon, Feb 20, 2012 at 10:22 AM
Subject: Hilex Poly
To: "elect.obrien@
Cc: "Greg Peden (<GregP@)

Mark,

Thank you for the discussion this morning regarding the proposed plastic bag ordinance being considered in Corvallis.

I have copied Greg Peden with Gallatin Public Relations who has worked with Hilex on the plastic bag issue in Oregon. I will ask Greg if he can be available to attend Wednesdays 4:00 PM stakeholder meeting.

Plastic bags are consumers' top choice because of their low cost and convenience, both at the store and around the house where 9 out of 10 consumers re-use their plastic bags as bin liners or for picking up after pets. Further, because plastic bags are 100% recyclable, sanitary and require less energy to manufacture than the alternatives, they're also a consumer's most environmentally-friendly and safe option.

The intellectual argument around the issue to recycle versus ban plastic bags extends across party lines as it affects every consumers' choice at the checkout counter. Given this, we feel that the debate so far has been a false dichotomy of "environment vs. industry" leading to misinformation and policy absent reason.

A few examples of the misinformation: plastic bags are a derivative of USA natural gas – not foreign oil. "Reusable bags" are, in fact non-woven polypropylene made from foreign oil and the vast majority imported from China (over 2 billion in just the past few years). The marine life issue is noted below – however it should be stated that government agencies such as NOAA

highlight that discarded fishing gear and nets are most responsible for marine life damage – not plastic retail carry-out bags. Surfrider Foundation stated in a letter that Corvallis uses over 22 million plastic bags – this is an overstatement by ~20% and they never discuss the reuse of these bags for home convenience. Recycling rates for plastic bags and wraps has increased by 50% in just the past 5 years (press release attached)

Our focus is on encouraging fact-based decision-making that evaluates the unintended consequences; considering the 10,000+ direct employees of this growing, green American manufacturing industry; asking whether or not it is right to impose a tax on people that can't afford it; and limiting the government's role in picking winners and losers when our elected officials have much larger issues on which they should focus. According to a poll taken at the Dorchester conference on whether Oregon should ban plastic bags and charge a 5-cent tax for each paper bag, as proposed in Oregon Senate Bill 536, 92% of the 600 Dorchester attendees said no. This stunning rejection shows us that when the facts are reviewed, bans don't make sense for the economy or the environment.

We hope the information in this email is helpful to you as the City Council frames up the issue.

With regard to the enclosed materials and links, all studies and findings are from government agencies and/or independent groups. Here is an overview:

- **Life Cycle Assessment of Supermarket Carrier Bags** was completed by the British Environmental Protection Agency and reveals that paper, LDPE, non-woven PP and cotton bags should be reused at least 3, 4, 11 and 131 times respectively to ensure that they have lower global warming potential than conventional HDPE carrier bags that are not reused. If plastic bags are reused, obviously the environmental benefits grow.

- This report is both attached and linked here: http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/static/documents/Research/Carrier_Bags_final_18-02-11.pdf

- **Life Cycle Assessment of Reusable and Single-use Plastic Bags in California** was completed by the California State University at Chico and parallels the above-listed British study. While it uses a per bag approach, it doesn't account for the large volume of imported reusables that are not likely reused. A system-approach would likely place environmental burden of unused reusable bags on those that are used, which would likely require a substantially larger number of reused bags to achieve LCA balance.

- This report is both attached and linked here: http://keepcabeautiful.org/pdfs/lca_plastic_bags.pdf

- **The Impact of Bill 18-150 on the Economy of Washington, D.C.** was completed by the Beacon Hill Institute and outlines the negative impact of Washington D.C.'s nickel bag tax. One of the problems with the bag tax is its regressive nature. Regressive taxes usually favor wealthy individuals because they will pay less of a percentage of their income in taxes and receive the same benefits as lower-income individuals. "Low-income residents of D.C., who have limited transportation options to avoid the tax, will be harmed the most by the Bag Tax. As with all sales taxes, bag taxes are regressive. Low-income residents are forced to pay the tax or purchase reusable bags." (taken directly out of the Beacon Hill study, p. 2 paragraph 3)

- This report is both attached and linked here:
<http://www.atr.org/files/files/DCBagTaxStudy.pdf>

- **Assessment of the Potential for Cross Contamination of Food Products by Reusable Shopping Bags** was completed by the University of Arizona and illustrates the prevalence of cross contamination in reusable shopping bags. Results indicate that reusable bags can play a significant role in the cross contamination of foods if not properly washed on a regular basis. It is recommended that the public needs to be educated about the proper care of reusable bags by printed instructions on the bags or through public service announcements.

- This report is both attached and linked here:
http://uanews.org/pdfs/GerbaWilliamsSinclair_BagContamination.pdf

- **Pronouncements of 100,000 marine animals being killed annually by plastics are unsubstantiated by scientific research.** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) found “no information to support this statement.” NOAA explains that “an erroneous statement attributing these figures to plastic bags was published in a 2002 report published by the Australian Government; it was corrected in 2006.

- <http://marinedebris.noaa.gov/info/plastic.html#4>

- **Assessment of the oceanic “garbage patch” reveals significant exaggeration.** According to researchers from Oregon State University “claims that the “Great Garbage Patch” between California and Japan is twice the size of Texas are grossly exaggerated.” Further, they’ve stated, “it is a common misperception that you can see or quantify plastic from space. There are no tropical plastic islands out there and, in fact, most of the plastic isn’t even visible from the deck of a boat.”

- Contact: Angel White
awhite@coas.oregonstate.edu
[541-737-6397](tel:541-737-6397)
Oregon State University

- <http://oregonstate.edu/urm/ncs/archives/2011/jan/oceanic-%E2%80%9C9Cgarbage-patch%E2%80%9D-not-nearly-big-portrayed-media>

- **Plastic retail bag litter is fractional and bans/taxes do not reduce plastic in the environment.** In 2007, plastic retail bags were .60% of total large litter in a San Francisco audit. In 2008, one year after the city banned plastic shopping bags, their percentage of all litter rose to .64%.

- http://www.sfenvironment.org/downloads/library/2008_litter_audit.pdf

In addition to the studies, I’ve also attached two media pieces. The first is an op-ed which discusses the ineffective nature of the Washington, D.C. bag tax, and the second, is an editorial confronting various myths surrounding plastic bags in Oregon.

- *Washington Examiner:* <http://washingtonexaminer.com/opinion/op-eds/2011/02/study-finds-dc-bag-tax-ineffective>

- *Democrat Herald*: http://www.democratherald.com/news/opinion/editorial/article_3f3e3ada-3e25-11e0-9602-001cc4c03286.html

Please let me know if we can provide you any additional information or background,

Mark

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VP Sustainability & Environmental Policy
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"All you need for a happy life is good health and a bad memory" David Feherty

OSU BEAVER STORE

Dan,

My name is John Malosh, and I am the Facilities Coordinator for the OSU Beaver Store (Oregon State University Bookstore) on campus. I am contacting you regarding the proposed Corvallis bag ban. Speaking on behalf of our company, the proposed bag ban as currently written would be extremely detrimental to our ability to serve our customers, and would negatively impact the on-campus experience of OSU's many students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

We currently provide our customers with three bag alternatives: 1) no bag necessary 2) a reusable fabric-style bag (Chico bag) that a customer can purchase for \$3 (well below our \$4 cost), and 3) a free reusable plastic bag (heavy @ 1.75 to 2.5 mil, made from up to 40% recycled material). Our plastic bags are not only made of recycled material, but are also recyclable and reusable themselves.

Most often, our customers choose the free reusable plastic bag because they need to protect purchases such as textbooks, art and paper supplies, electronics, and clothing from the elements as they walk from our store to other parts of campus. Unlike many other retailers, our typical customer is a pedestrian that walks a good distance with their purchased items. From students walking across campus back to their dorm, to visiting Beaver fans taking their game-day purchases over to a rainy stadium, our customers have an expectation that we will provide them a bag that can protect their vulnerable items. If we fail to meet that expectation, some customers will choose not to buy from us, or will remember the bad experience and instead make future purchases online (shipped in boxes) or before visiting Corvallis. As a nonprofit organization serving students, any revenue lost for this reason would directly impact our ability to keep the already high price of course materials down.

If you have the time I would be happy to discuss our situation in more detail and show you the different bag types we offer.

Sincerely,

John Malosh | Facilities Coordinator
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<web>Plastic bag ban...

- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* <web>Plastic bag ban...
- *From:* orstater@xxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Wed, 22 Feb 2012 14:29:58 -0800
- *Reply-to:* <orstater@xxxxxxxx>

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:

Richard

orstater@xxxxxxxx

prefer phone contact: no

As a longtime citizen of Corvallis, graduate of Oregon State University, and working citizen of Corvallis, I'm asking that the city keep it's business to running the city and NOT regulating what we as citizen's use to carry out groceries home in or with. I am tired of different cities regulating whether we use paper, cloth, or plastic bags it really isn't any of your business or concern! I personally like using and REUSING and REUSING, and REUSING, the plastic bags I get from the grocery store. They hold up better going from the store to my car then to my house without falling apart during the process. I DO NOT believe it's city or national governments responsibility to regulate my decision of using a plastic bag or not! Get OUT of our daily lives and do the job that we as citizens elected you to do!

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Re: plastic bags etc

- *To:* corvallismatters@xxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Re: plastic bags etc
- *From:* "Mark O'Brien" <ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 22 Feb 2012 22:53:38 -0800 (PST)
- *Cc:* "Dan Brown" <ward4@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Jim Patterson" <Jim.Patterson@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Louise,

Thanks for the feedback. I am often intrigued by your unique and refreshing perspective. So far as the personhood initiative goes, I'd say the Council action was pretty rash. Council elected to take the initiative out of the hands of the petitioner without a clear understanding of the financial costs nor practical consequences. Council also provided no assurance that they would see the measure through. Regardless of the outcome of the Advisory Question vote, it is certain to have virtually no measurable effect on the current national political paradigm.

Regarding a bag ban, I feel as though a ban should be the alternative of last resort. Bans strike me as an intellectually lazy way to address a question of common interest in a city such as Corvallis. Corvallis is a wonderful place and I think folks sometimes fail to recognize how far ahead we are of the nation in terms of environmental, social and economic sustainability knowledge and action. At the same time, based on our size and the need to address much more pedestrian issues (such as our budget) I believe that it is unwise to be engaging global issues out on the "bleeding edge".

Sincerely,

Mark O'Brien

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I get very upset with city council wasting time on national issues. Over the last several years there have been at least two times when I was so frustrated with people bringing national issues to the council. One was the Earth First Charter and one was opposition to war or something like that. I felt that the council had so many important local issues to deal with the long debate about those endorsements was wrong.

That was why I was so surprised when the council quickly approved support for the personhood for corporations/ Super PAC issue. But, you didn't waste much time on it at all and got it out of the way. And, it didn't

cost anything. Good solution!

Louise Marquering

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plastic bags etc

- To: ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: plastic bags etc
- From: corvallismatters@xxxxxxx
- Date: Thu, 23 Feb 2012 01:09:37 -0500 (EST)

Hi Mark!

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<web>Proposed Paper Bag Tax

- **To:** mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- **Subject:** <web>Proposed Paper Bag Tax
- **From:** allan_huffaker@xxxxxxxxxxxx
- **Date:** Mon, 27 Feb 2012 13:02:46 -0800
- **Reply-to:** <allan_huffaker@xxxxxxxxxxxx>

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:

Allan Huffaker
allan_huffaker@xxxxxxxxxxxx
prefer phone contact: no

I wanted to comment on the proposed paper bag tax and plastic bag ban. I am opposed to a ban on plastic shopping bags. I also oppose any tax on paper shopping bags. I would support recycling these bags or paying some sort of a deposit fee.

I expect retailers to provide full service customer care when I make a purchase. This includes providing free bags for me to transport my purchases.

Albany has Costco, Wal Mart, Sears, Target, BiMart, Fred Meyer Superstore, Kohls, Old Navy, Home Depot, Coastal Farm and Safeway. All of which offer wide selections, competitive pricing and are willing to provide free boxes or bags for their customers purchases.

Its all about service, selection and pricing. Corvallis needs to come up with ways to attract people to shop here, not drive them away.

- **Follow-Ups:**
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Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* Debra Higbee-Sudyka <dwhigbe@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Tue, 28 Feb 2012 23:19:43 -0500 (EST)
- *Reply-to:* dwhigbe@xxxxxxx

I write to express my strong support of the council's original request of the Administrative Services Committee to develop a plan to reduce the use of plastic checkout bags in the city of Corvallis. A policy that would prohibit single-use plastic checkout bags at retail establishments throughout the City is the most effective means of reaching this goal which I strongly support.

As a local resident, I am extremely concerned with the inclusion of private corporate interest in the discussions of this issue that aren't even from our state, more or less the City of Corvallis. As an individual and concerned citizen, I don't have the luxury that corporate interests have of hiring a PR firm to expend millions of dollars on influence, such as the many ads I've seen purchased on Facebook, online and social networks. We elected this body of Council to represent people like myself, local residents that contribute to the economy and services of our local community and we expect to be represented fairly.

The economic and natural resource impacts of single-use bag pollution in inland and coastal communities throughout the state is alarming, yet eliminating this simple luxury of convenience can be a positive and simple step in sustainability. I'm also reminded of our state's historical leadership in being stewards of Oregon jobs and the environment through such acts as the Beach Bill and the Bottle Bill. Today, we are again presented with such an opportunity to be leaders by eliminating single-use plastic bags and I ask for your support on a local effort to ban plastic bags and keep the goal of "reducing the use" within a local context, not one of corporate interests. A vote against a plastic bag ban is to support out of state businesses over ensuring Oregonians retain jobs, clean beaches and the environment that makes our state a leader.

Oregonians use an estimated 1.7 billion single-use plastic bags every year. The state spends millions annually to clean up and landfill these littered bags, and millions of dollars are also spent by local governments to clean littered streets and waterways. We can no longer recycle our way out of this problem. In fact, there are no plastic bags manufactured or recycling facilities in the state of Oregon. Despite efforts to expand recycling programs, less than 5% of plastic grocery bags (HDPE) are currently being recycled. The bags themselves present a problem for Oregon recyclers, entangling sorting machines accounting for up to 20% of their overhead costs

The rest of these bags end up in our landfills or as litter, clogging stormdrain systems, and making their way to our waterways and ocean. It is estimated that 60-80% of all marine debris, and 90% of floating debris is

plastic, mostly originating from land-based sources. Plastic lasts for hundreds of years in our environment and may never biodegrade in the ocean. As a result, they pose a persistent threat to wildlife. Each year, an estimated 1 million seabirds and 100,000 marine mammals die as a result of eating or being strangled by plastic and other marine debris.

Do the right thing and represent our local interests with this small, yet positive step towards sustainability in Corvallis - ban the bag!

Debra Higbee-Sudyka

Corvallis, OR 97333

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Represent Corvallis Residents and Defeat the Bag Ban.

- To: ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Defeat the Bag Ban.
- From: John Park <jpark714@xxxxxxxx>
- Date: Wed, 29 Feb 2012 14:32:23 -0500 (EST)
- Reply-to: jpark714@xxxxxxxx

Unlike the other 'lemmings' sending in a form letter, I write to express my own opinions.

Others have mentioned that Market of Choice does not use plastics bag. I say 'Bravo' to Market of Choice, but I am also amused by the irony of those that want to eliminate that choice from both businesses and consumers. My family uses reusable grocery bags whenever possible, but we also find multiple uses for both plastic and paper shopping bags. Stewardship of our planet should come from a personal desire, not through legislation.

I also applaud the Administrative Services committee for including multiple viewpoints in their fact finding. Just because someone is from out of town or makes a living producing a product doesn't make them evil.

Please take your time to carefully consider all points of view and don't be swayed simply by the volume of pre-written emails sent from the Surfrider Foundation (<http://t.co/m8ZN46pa>) .

Thanks for your efforts, but please make sure you work on your stated city council priorities, which don't include frivolous items such as banning products or spending money on a 'Move to Amend'.

John Park

Corvallis, OR 97330

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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* Brandon Goldner <benefit1970@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 29 Feb 2012 01:26:14 -0500 (EST)
- *Reply-to:* benefit1970@xxxxxxxx

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I want to keep this short, so I will simply say that I appreciate your work for the community.

Thank you,

-Brandon Goldner

[Redacted]
Corvallis, OR 97333

Brandon Goldner

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Corvallis, OR 97333

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Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* Kayla Johnston <johkay03@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 29 Feb 2012 01:37:12 -0500 (EST)
- *Reply-to:* johkay03@xxxxxxxx

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- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* Eric Coker <escoker@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 29 Feb 2012 01:56:54 -0500 (EST)
- *Reply-to:* escoker@xxxxxxxx

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- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* George Hutchinson <geothegreen47@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 29 Feb 2012 02:36:15 -0500 (EST)
- *Reply-to:* geothegreen47@xxxxxxxx

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- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* Courtney Childs <courtneychi@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 29 Feb 2012 09:22:02 -0500 (EST)
- *Reply-to:* courtneychi@xxxxxxxx

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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
 - *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
 - *From:* Anne Schuster <schustea@xxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* Wed, 29 Feb 2012 09:27:49 -0500 (EST)
 - *Reply-to:* schustea@xxxxxxx
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I absolutely agree with the sentiments in this letter. Let's do the rational thing! Anne

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- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* Abraham Mooney <abrahammooney@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 29 Feb 2012 10:34:00 -0500 (EST)
- *Reply-to:* abrahammooney@xxxxxxxx

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- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* Carly Lettero <carlylettero@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 29 Feb 2012 13:04:56 -0500 (EST)
- *Reply-to:* carlylettero@xxxxxxxx

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- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* Cassandra Robertson <cassiopia11@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 29 Feb 2012 13:19:57 -0500 (EST)
- *Reply-to:* cassiopia11@xxxxxxxx

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- *From:* Kelly Fedderke <fedderke@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 29 Feb 2012 15:43:54 -0500 (EST)
- *Reply-to:* fedderke@xxxxxxxxxxxx

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Corvallis, OR 97330

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Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: Ralph Penunuri <ralarts06@xxxxxxx>
- Date: Wed, 29 Feb 2012 17:31:31 -0500 (EST)
- Reply-to: ralarts06@xxxxxxx

I add my strong support of the council's original request of the Administrative Services Committee to develop a plan to reduce the use of plastic checkout bags in the city of Corvallis. A policy that would prohibit single-use plastic checkout bags at retail establishments throughout the City is the most effective means of reaching this goal which I strongly support.

Bringing in out-of-state private interest and lobby groups will undermine the integrity of our public and government process. Please retain and truly support the original intention and application of this plastic bag ban – for ourselves, our environment and our progeny.

Yes, do the right thing and represent our local interest above corporate profits and waste. This is a small, yet very significant step towards sustainability for Corvallis and our region – ban the bag now!

Ralph Penunuri

 Corvallis, OR 97333

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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* Elizabeth Perry <elizabeth.perry@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 29 Feb 2012 18:26:59 -0500 (EST)
- *Reply-to:* elizabeth.perry@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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Corvallis, OR 97330

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Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* Molly Monroe <monroemolly@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 29 Feb 2012 19:56:37 -0500 (EST)
- *Reply-to:* monroemolly@xxxxxxxxxxx

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Molly Monroe

Corvallis, OR 97333

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Ban the bag comments

- *To:* "ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx" <ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Ward3@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx" <Ward3@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Ward4@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx" <Ward4@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Ward6@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx" <Ward6@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Ward7@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx" <Ward7@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Ward8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx" <Ward8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Ward9@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx" <Ward9@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Ban the bag comments
- *From:* Sue Woolf <suewoolf2@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 29 Feb 2012 11:03:28 -0800 (PST)
- *Cc:* "Ward2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx" <Ward2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Debra Higbee-Sudyka <dwhigbe@xxxxxxxx>
- *Reply-to:* Sue Woolf <suewoolf2@xxxxxxxx>

February 29, 2012

Dear City Councilors' O'Brien; Hogg; Hervey; Brown; Beilstein; Hirsch; Raymond; Traber; and Brauner, City staff has invited a private corporation, Hilex Poly, based in Hartsville, South Carolina to city meetings for "public" input on the "Ban the Bag" proposed legislation. Please stop Hilex Poly from interfering in the process as they have in so many other communities.

It is important to ban single-use plastic checkout bags in Corvallis. Something we use as a convenience for just a few minutes should not impose long term harm to the environment, taking hundreds of years to degrade, while collecting on our landscapes and causing serious harm to marine life, especially when it can be replaced by a sustainable cloth bag.

Sincerely,
Sue Goodman
Resident Albany Oregon
Board Member - Corvallis Environmental Center

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Ban the Bag!

- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Ban the Bag!
- *From:* John Helm <peacehelm@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 29 Feb 2012 11:41:51 -0500 (EST)
- *Reply-to:* peacehelm@xxxxxxxxxxx

I write to express my strong support of a policy that would prohibit single-use plastic checkout bags at retail establishments throughout Corvallis.

The economic and natural resource impacts of single-use bag pollution in inland and coastal communities throughout the state are alarming. Oregonians use an estimated 1.7 billion single-use plastic bags every year. The state spends millions annually to clean up and landfill these littered bags, and millions of dollars are also spent by local governments to clean littered streets and waterways.

Nor does recycling represent a solution. Despite efforts to expand recycling programs, less than 5% of plastic grocery bags (HDPE) are currently being recycled. In fact, the bags themselves present a major problem for Oregon recyclers, entangling sorting machines, thus accounting for up to 20% of their overhead costs.

The rest of these bags (95%) end up in our landfills or as litter, clogging stormdrain systems, and making their way to our waterways and ocean. Plastic lasts for hundreds of years and may never biodegrade completely. As a result, they pose a persistent threat to wildlife. Each year, an estimated 1 million seabirds and 100,000 marine mammals die as a result of eating or being strangled by plastic and other marine debris.

All this for a very minor convenience?! Use of grocery bags is mostly just a matter of habit. If you forgot to bring a re-usable bag, just put your groceries back in the cart and then load them loose into the car. I've declined plastic bags for years. It's not a problem.

As a local resident, I am also extremely concerned that out-of-state corporations are trying to influence our local decisions. As an individual and concerned citizen, I don't have the luxury that corporate interests have of hiring a PR firm to expend millions of dollars on influence, such as the many ads I've seen purchased on Facebook, online and social networks.

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John Helm

Corvallis, OR 97333



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Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* Kathy Brewer <kathy.dabnet@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 29 Feb 2012 00:22:07 -0500 (EST)
- *Reply-to:* kathy.dabnet@xxxxxxxx

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Plastic bag bans are no big deal except for companies who make plastic bags (such as Hilex Poly). Look at Market of Choice as an example of a large, mainstream business that does not use plastic checkout bags.

Corvallis is a model for sustainable communities in so many areas. A plastic bag ban is an easy and obvious step to continue that leadership position.

Kathy Brewer

Corvallis, OR 97333

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- To: ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: Jean Marr <jean_marr@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Thu, 1 Mar 2012 01:37:34 -0500 (EST)
- Reply-to: jean_marr@xxxxxxxxxxx

I write to express my strong support of the council's original request of the Administrative Services Committee to develop a plan to prohibit single-use plastic checkout bags at retail establishments throughout the City. I won't go into details about why because you already know all the reasons.

When I testified before the council on this issue, I said I understood the need to work out a few details in committee, but asked you not to take forever to get this done. It's beginning to feel like forever.

Please, do the right thing and represent our local interests with this small, yet positive step towards sustainability in Corvallis - ban the bag!

Jean Marr

Corvallis, OR 97333

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Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!

- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* William Reeves <barry.reeves@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 17:08:45 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* William Reeves <barry.reeves@xxxxxxxxxxx>

Mar 1, 2012

Mr. Mark O'Brien
501 SW Madison Avenue
Corvallis, OR 97333-4601

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Sincerely,

Dr. William Reeves
[Redacted]
Corvallis, OR 97333-3205
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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
 - *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
 - *From:* Linda Sebring <linda.sebring@xxxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 15:08:49 -0500 (EST)
 - *Reply-to:* linda.sebring@xxxxxxxx
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My views are very well covered in this letter.

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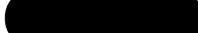
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Linda Sebring


Corvallis, OR 97330

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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Lioba Multer <Imu93927@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 17:08:39 -0600 (CST)
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- *Reply-to:* Lioba Multer <Imu93927@xxxxxxxx>

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Corvallis, OR 97331



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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* Christine Nguyen <christinehere@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 20:42:50 -0500 (EST)
- *Reply-to:* christinehere@xxxxxxxx

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Christine Nguyen

Corvallis, OR 97330

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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Bruce Alder <bruce.alder@xxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 17:09:19 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Bruce Alder <bruce.alder@xxxxxx>

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[Redacted]
Corvallis, OR 97330-3448
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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* Ian Biggi <biggi@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 21:23:36 -0500 (EST)
- *Reply-to:* biggi@xxxxxxxxxxxx

I write to express my strong support of the council's original request of the Administrative Services Committee to develop a plan to reduce the use of plastic checkout bags in the city of Corvallis. A policy that would prohibit single-use plastic checkout bags at retail establishments throughout the City is the most effective means of reaching this goal which I strongly support.

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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Bruce Encke <bruce.encke@xxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 17:08:56 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Bruce Encke <bruce.encke@xxxxxx>

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Corvallis, OR 97330-3523
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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* John Myers <john.myers@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 17:09:13 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* John Myers <john.myers@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Corvallis, OR 97330-1759
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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Carol Bailey <silversitka@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 17:08:56 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Irene Schoppy <iameyers@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 17:09:25 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Irene Schoppy <iameyers@xxxxxxxx>

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Corvallis, OR 97330-4008
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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Rosemarie Carballo <kupfersel@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 17:17:00 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Rosemarie Carballo <kupfersel@xxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Rosemarie Carballo
[Redacted]
Corvallis, OR 97330-4043
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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Shelley Ries <spur848@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 17:17:00 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Shelley Ries <spur848@xxxxxxxx>

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Ms. Shelley Ries
[Redacted]
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- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Angela Yeager <angyeag@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 17:47:03 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Angela Yeager <angyeag@xxxxxxxx>

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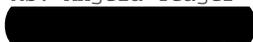
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Corvallis, OR 97330-5744



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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* S Skybird <skybird@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 17:47:43 -0600 (CST)
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- *Reply-to:* S Skybird <skybird@xxxxxxx>

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Ms. S Skybird
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- *From:* Rochelle Murphy <shellym@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 17:47:16 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Rochelle Murphy <shellym@xxxxxxx>

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Ms. Rochelle Murphy
[Redacted]
Corvallis, OR 97330-1139
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- *From:* Genevieve Weber <genevieve@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 17:47:43 -0600 (CST)
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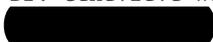
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- *From:* Linda Grose <linderkay2@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 17:47:55 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Suzanne and Lee Lazaro <suzannelazaro@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 17:47:31 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Suzanne and Lee Lazaro <suzannelazaro@xxxxxxx>

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[Redacted]
Corvallis, OR 97330-9251
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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Leo Quirk <leoquirk@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 17:47:10 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Leo Quirk <leoquirk@xxxxxxx>

Mar 1, 2012

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[Redacted]
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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Gayle Peterson <tapfan@xxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 17:47:43 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Gayle Peterson <tapfan@xxxxxxxxxx>

Mar 1, 2012

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[Redacted]
Corvallis, OR 97330-3611
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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Larry Bulling <larry.bulling@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 17:47:49 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Larry Bulling <larry.bulling@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Corvallis, OR 97339-0113
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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Joe Tyburczy <coloradojoe@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 17:47:31 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Joe Tyburczy <coloradojoe@xxxxxxxx>

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Dr. Joe Tyburczy
[Redacted]
Corvallis, OR 97330-2643
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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Willa Kenoyer <kenoyerwilla@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 17:47:55 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Willa Kenoyer <kenoyerwilla@xxxxxxxx>

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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Russell Zellmer <katja.zellmer@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 17:48:14 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Russell Zellmer <katja.zellmer@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Laura Dunn <lauracdunn@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 18:17:59 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Laura Dunn <lauracdunn@xxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

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[Redacted]
Corvallis, OR 97330-3184
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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Barbara Arlen <grammabarb01@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 19:17:17 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Barbara Arlen <grammabarb01@xxxxxxxxxxx>

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Corvallis, OR 97330-9412
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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Rob Cornell <rob.cornell@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 18:17:27 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Rob Cornell <rob.cornell@xxxxxxxxxxx>

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[Redacted]
Corvallis, OR 97330-3196
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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Penny Signalness <pensignal@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 18:17:47 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Penny Signalness <pensignal@xxxxxxx>

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[Redacted]
Corvallis, OR 97330-4119
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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Elizabeth Waldron <ralphwaldron@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 18:18:04 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Elizabeth Waldron <ralphwaldron@xxxxxxxxxxx>

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Dr. Elizabeth Waldron
[Redacted]
Corvallis, OR 97330-3134
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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Jane Luther <janeluth@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 18:18:39 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Jane Luther <janeluth@xxxxxxxx>

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[Redacted]
Corvallis, OR 97333-3110
[Redacted]

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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Gary Camp <garyrcamp@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 18:17:08 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Gary Camp <garyrcamp@xxxxxxx>

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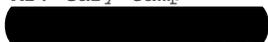
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Corvallis, OR 97330-1742



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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Greg Christianson <greg.christianson@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 18:48:11 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Greg Christianson <greg.christianson@xxxxxxxxxxx>

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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Janet Throop <throopj@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 18:47:23 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Janet Throop <throopj@xxxxxxx>

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I understand that the City Council has invited Hilex Poly to give input at the city public meeting. Their website states that vision to reduce "the impact of plastic on the environment through recycling and increased recycled content". Banning single use bags would have much greater impact on reducing environmental degradation than does recycling.

Corvallis is known for its environmental standards nationwide, and has received numerous awards. Let's be a leader.

Please ban single use plastic checkout bags here in Corvallis. It is the RIGHT thing to do.

Sincerely,

Ms. Janet Throop
[Redacted]
Corvallis, OR 97330-1932
[Redacted]



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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Barbara Poulsen <barbarapoulsen@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 19:47:16 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Barbara Poulsen <barbarapoulsen@xxxxxxxxxxxx>

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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Zachariah Baker <zachariah.baker@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 20:47:47 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Zachariah Baker <zachariah.baker@xxxxxxxx>

Mar 1, 2012

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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Beverly Law <bev.e.law@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 20:48:17 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Beverly Law <bev.e.law@xxxxxxxx>

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I visited Hawaii last week and they are implementing a ban on single-use bags. Businesses are looking forward to reduced costs, and people are easily trained to bring their cloth bags with them.

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- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Amy Becker <aevebecker@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 21:47:36 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Amy Becker <aevebecker@xxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Ms. Amy Becker
[Redacted]
Corvallis, OR 97333-4611
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03-01-12 FW Web Request.txt

From: De Jong, Kris on behalf of Public Works
Sent: Friday, March 02, 2012 8:16 AM
To: Lovett, Linda; Dybvad, Scott; Steele, Adam; Steckel, Mary
Subject: FW: <web>Web Request

Importance: High

For the packet...

Thx,
Kris

-----Original Message-----

From: daeanarah@[REDACTED] [mailto:daeanarah@[REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2012 7:02 PM
To: Public Works
Subject: <web>Web Request
Importance: High

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:

Rhyanna DeTuathana
daeanarah@[REDACTED]

prefer phone contact: no

Hi I want to protest any deal of passing a plastic bag ban.

1. Those bags you buy at the grocery store, they are plastic!!!!
2. Oh yeah they're made in "China" and furthermore, they are not CHEAP, nor are they "FREE".
3. Prices will assuredly go up as those stores "see a goldmine" in 'raising' prices because "they have to implement" changes. Gee and who will get hit with these fees, customers-consumers, especially those of us who only get food stamps, under-employed, unemployed, those barely making ends meet.
4. Instead of banning the plastic bags, which will drive shoppers to other cities, How about coming up with a plan on how to recycle the bags. such as have bag recycle bins at the grocery stores, so that they can be recycled, into new plastic bags, new items. Seriously, banning plastic bags, which does get recycled, reused by those of us who get them to place our groceries in. Use paper bags? Are you serious... Do you know how easily they tear, especially when they get wet? I have, and having food spill all over the place. Then try to carry those paper bags on the bus and oops, you're taking too much space, or oops one or more tears.

As for charging customers who want to use plastic bags, come on... the poor, very poor, let alone unemployed, under-employed, don't usually have the cash to "PAY" for a bag, let alone having funds to "BUY" those plastic bags that the stores sell for almost \$2. and Oh yeah, they're made in CHINA.

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Plastic Bag Legislation in Corvallis

- *To:* "ward2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx" <ward2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
 - *Subject:* Plastic Bag Legislation in Corvallis
 - *From:* Phil Rozenski <Phil.Rozenski@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 16:33:11 +0000
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Councilor Hogg,

As an employee of Hilex Poly, an industry leading manufacturer and recycler of plastic bag and film products, I have been following the recent bag conversation in Corvallis. As discussions continue on this issue, I wanted to share some information about the real impacts of bag legislation and an alternative – recycling – that achieves the goal of reducing litter while protecting the 10,000+ Americans employed by the plastic bag manufacturing and recycling industry.

Experience shows bag legislation cripples green job growth while producing no benefits for the environment or consumers. My concern is that a proposal in Corvallis will not take into account that plastic bags are 100 percent recyclable, can contain recycled content (true closed-loop recycling) and can be reused for many household purposes as nine out of 10 Americans already do. Eliminating free plastic grocery bags forces consumers to search for alternatives such as paper or cloth bags. Both options weigh more and take more energy to produce, contributing to greater emissions, not less.

Put simply, banning plastic bags in Corvallis would:

- Decrease jobs in Oregon
- Increase dependence on foreign oil
- Increase global greenhouse gas emissions
- Decrease recycling of plastic bags, sacks and wraps

- Have minimal impact on the **.05 percent** of plastic entering the waste stream

More information is available at Hilex Poly's [Bag the Ban](#), including:

Fact sheets on [recycling](#) as well as the environmental and [economic impacts](#) of bans and taxes

Multimedia, including interactive infographics detailing the impact of plastic bags on the [economy](#), [health](#) and the [environment](#)

Videos about [safe reusable bag use](#) and a [closer look at plastic bags](#)

Hilex Poly is committed to recycling and consumer choice and hopes Corvallis considers these a top priority as well. We are dedicated to working with policymakers like yourself and other stakeholders to promote comprehensive recycling solutions.

I hope this information was helpful in describing why recycling is a better option and bag bans are, simply put, bad public policy. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the facts about plastic bags and the impacts of plastic bag legislation, please let me know; I am available to discuss this further with you at any time.

v/r

Philip R. Rozenski

Director of Marketing and Sustainability

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Learn the facts about plastic bags at www.bagtheban.com

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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning plastic bags in Corvallis!
- *From:* Craig Hanson <pipe_organist@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 19:47:31 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Craig Hanson <pipe_organist@xxxxxxx>

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Dear Mr. O'Brien,

It's the right way to go both environmentally and economically. I encourage you to show leadership, setting a positive example for the rest of the country and the world.

Sincerely,

Mr. Craig Hanson
[Redacted]
Corvallis, OR 97333-9216
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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Jessica Nelson <jesslynelson@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 17:09:07 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Jessica Nelson <jesslynelson@xxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Miss Jessica Nelson

Corvallis, OR 97330-6012



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<web>Proposed Ban on Plastic Bags

- *To:* ward3@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* <web>Proposed Ban on Plastic Bags
- *From:* daeanarah@xxxxxxx
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 19:23:00 -0800
- *Reply-to:* <daeanarah@xxxxxxx>

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:

Rhyanna DeTuathana

daeanarah@xxxxxxx

prefer phone contact: no

Hi I just saw the news which stated that the city of Corvallis, Council is considering banning the use of plastic Bags. As a citizen that lives in your district, (I live off Lilly pl)I sincerely hope that you will vote NO on it.

I have had several letters posted in the Gazette Times about this issue as I am unable to attend Council meetings.

Banning plastic bags will place a hardship on people, especially those like me, who are unemployed, rely on food stamps for food and those like me, who use those plastic bags for more than carrying groceries home in. I store a lot of different things in them in my home, reuse those that haven't had any meat in them, as well as use them to clean up after my two dogs, and place garbage in them to dispose of.

Adding a surcharge for using plastic bags will also be a hardship. The money won't go towards anything except lining pockets of businesses as they increase prices all in the name of 'having to recoup' the costs. Paper bags are not cheap to buy, although they are a cheap source.

If they get wet, they aren't any good, and since it rains in Oregon...not to mention, they are hard to carry especially if have to rely on walking home, riding the bus, and if have to ride a bike, then not much can be purchased.

One other factor to consider is this, if there is a plastic bag ban, what is next? Customers will go to other cities where they can get the plastic bags. What happens if people bring back to the stores to reuse the plastic bags they already have?

Therefore, instead of banning, have those fanatics, as well as businesses offer up ways that plastic bags can be recycled perhaps into different products. Can plastic bags be used as insulation for homes like I have heard denim is?

I sincerely hope that this proposal to ban plastic bags is denied as it won't be profitable for the city, as well as costing customers who have to find alternative ways to carry their purchases home.

Thank you for reading my email.

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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Sandra & Roger Paul <rogerp7@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Fri, 2 Mar 2012 03:42:08 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Sandra & Roger Paul <rogerp7@xxxxxxxx>

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- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Mary Ellen Lind <melind@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Fri, 2 Mar 2012 03:54:00 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Mary Ellen Lind <melind@xxxxxxx>

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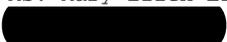
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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Staci Stein <steinst@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Fri, 2 Mar 2012 08:02:47 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Staci Stein <steinst@xxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Corvallis, OR 97330-9126
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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Julie Williams <juliewa@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Fri, 2 Mar 2012 10:06:35 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Julie Williams <juliewa@xxxxxxxxxxx>

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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
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- *From:* Sally Long <sewl@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Fri, 2 Mar 2012 10:51:31 -0600 (CST)
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- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Patricia Sanitate <doehawks@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Fri, 2 Mar 2012 11:20:44 -0600 (CST)
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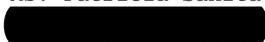
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- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Merissa Schneider-Coppolino <merissa.sc@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Fri, 2 Mar 2012 11:52:38 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Merissa Schneider-Coppolino <merissa.sc@xxxxxxxx>

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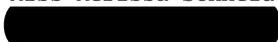
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- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Robert Custer <laststand@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Fri, 2 Mar 2012 12:21:23 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Robert Custer <laststand@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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This is an issue where Oregon will be way ahead if you ban the petroleum-based products and substitute biodegradable/recyclable wood products!

Sincerely,

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Corvallis, OR 97330-9514



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- *From:* Jim Bowey <jimbowey@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Fri, 2 Mar 2012 12:50:34 -0600 (CST)
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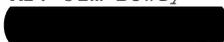
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- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Kenneth Larson <larson@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Fri, 2 Mar 2012 14:21:17 -0600 (CST)
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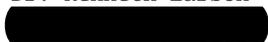
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Dr. Kenneth Larson


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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Debra Higbee-Sudyka <dwhigbe@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Fri, 2 Mar 2012 14:21:30 -0600 (CST)
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Debra Higbee-Sudyka
[Redacted]
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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Michael Golden <mrfire22@xxxx>
- *Date:* Fri, 2 Mar 2012 14:21:56 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Michael Golden <mrfire22@xxxx>

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- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Samsara Sorrells <samsaras1111@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Fri, 2 Mar 2012 17:50:03 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
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Ms. Samsara Sorrells
[Redacted]
Corvallis, OR 97330-6049
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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Patricia Wickman <kateypat@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Fri, 2 Mar 2012 23:09:33 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Patricia Wickman <kateypat@xxxxxxxxxxx>

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Ms. Patricia Wickman
[Redacted]
Corvallis, OR 97330-1262
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- *From:* Ronald Gibbons <dog_graphic@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sat, 3 Mar 2012 12:50:15 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Ronald Gibbons <dog_graphic@xxxxxxxx>

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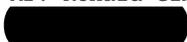
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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Barbara Rossi-Cox <rossib@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sat, 3 Mar 2012 16:12:05 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Barbara Rossi-Cox <rossib@xxxxxxxxxxxx>

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On a personal note I was very impressed to see a large world city, Mexico City Mx ban plastic bags years ago. It is a global problem..let Oregon and the Pacific Northwest be a leader.

Sincerely,

Miss Barbara Rossi-Cox



Corvallis, OR 97339-0181

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- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* John Long <johnlcorvallis@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Fri, 2 Mar 2012 03:35:38 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* John Long <johnlcorvallis@xxxxxxxx>

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Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* Saeed Alalwan <alalwan@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Fri, 2 Mar 2012 12:41:46 -0500 (EST)
- *Reply-to:* alalwan@xxxxxxxx

I write to express my strong support of the council's original request of the Administrative Services Committee to develop a plan to reduce the use of plastic checkout bags in the city of Corvallis. A policy that would prohibit single-use plastic checkout bags at retail establishments throughout the City is the most effective means of reaching this goal which I strongly support.

As a local resident, I am extremely concerned with the inclusion of private corporate interest in the discussions of this issue that aren't even from our state, more or less the City of Corvallis. As an individual and concerned citizen, I don't have the luxury that corporate interests have of hiring a PR firm to expend millions of dollars on influence, such as the many ads I've seen purchased on Facebook, online and social networks. We elected this body of Council to represent people like myself, local residents that contribute to the economy and services of our local community and we expect to be represented fairly.

The economic and natural resource impacts of single-use bag pollution in inland and coastal communities throughout the state is alarming, yet eliminating this simple luxury of convenience can be a positive and simple step in sustainability. I'm also reminded of our state's historical leadership in being stewards of Oregon jobs and the environment through such acts as the Beach Bill and the Bottle Bill. Today, we are again presented with such an opportunity to be leaders by eliminating single-use plastic bags and I ask for your support on a local effort to ban plastic bags and keep the goal of "reducing the use" within a local context, not one of corporate interests. A vote against a plastic bag ban is to support out of state businesses over ensuring Oregonians retain jobs, clean beaches and the environment that makes our state a leader.

Oregonians use an estimated 1.7 billion single-use plastic bags every year. The state spends millions annually to clean up and landfill these littered bags, and millions of dollars are also spent by local governments to clean littered streets and waterways. We can no longer recycle our way out of this problem. In fact, there are no plastic bags manufactured or recycling facilities in the state of Oregon. Despite efforts to expand recycling programs, less than 5% of plastic grocery bags (HDPE) are currently being recycled. The bags themselves present a problem for Oregon recyclers, entangling sorting machines accounting for up to 20% of their overhead costs

The rest of these bags end up in our landfills or as litter, clogging stormdrain systems, and making their way to our waterways and ocean. It is estimated that 60-80% of all marine debris, and 90% of floating debris is

plastic, mostly originating from land-based sources. Plastic lasts for hundreds of years in our environment and may never biodegrade in the ocean. As a result, they pose a persistent threat to wildlife. Each year, an estimated 1 million seabirds and 100,000 marine mammals die as a result of eating or being strangled by plastic and other marine debris.

Do the right thing and represent our local interests with this small, yet positive step towards sustainability in Corvallis - ban the bag!

Saeed Alalwan

Corvallis, OR 97330

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Re: Bag Ban emails

- *To:* <ward8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Re: Bag Ban emails
- *From:* "Debra Higbee-Sudyka" <dwhigbe@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sat, 3 Mar 2012 16:46:31 -0800

Biff,

Sorry for the inconvenience. This is the first time I've initiated an "action alert" and didn't know what to expect. My preferred way is a petition-signing process, which we have done with individuals and are in the process of doing with businesses. It's far more productive and interactive.

I am going to speak during Visitor's Proposition on Monday regarding Hilex Poly and the Administrative Services Process Change. The intent of the email petition was to show that there is community support for the ban. I will give more details and reasons for my concern on Monday.

But in short, I am deeply concerned about Hilex Poly's influence in our public process, and about the email and social media they are sending to Corvallis citizens and the Council. Hilex Poly has poured money into "Bag the Ban" campaigns across the nation to stop plastic legislation (<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/nationnow/2011/11/hailey-idaho-plastic-bag-ban.html>). The Chemistry Council and Hilex Poly spent more than 2 Million dollars defeating California's state-wide bill (<http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2010/11/13/1368858/battle-over-bag-bill-draws-big.html>).

I feel that their inclusion in the "public" input process here in Corvallis may end up like it did in Hailey Idaho, or California.

Debra

----- Original Message -----
From: ward8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

To: Debra Higbee-Sudyka
Sent: Saturday, March 03, 2012 2:38 PM
Subject: Bag Ban emails

Debra

I appreciate the support shown by the emails we are receiving. Clearly people support banning plastic bags. However, the volume of the same email may be creating a negative feeling. Do you know who is coordinating this effort? Could they instead establish more of a petition signing process that sent us the names with out flooding our council emails.

Thanks

Biff

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- *Subject:* FW: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* "Bob Custer" <laststand@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sat, 3 Mar 2012 20:13:48 -0800

Dear Mr. O'Brien,

To give you the best answers to your questions I asked the Bag Lady, Debra Higbee-Sudyka, to respond. Her answers are below. She and others at the Mary Peaks Group of the Sierra Club have put a lot of effort into the program. I strongly believe it is the right direction for us to go.

Bob Custer

-----Original Message-----

From: Debra Higbee-Sudyka [<mailto:dwhigbe@xxxxxxxx>]
Sent: Saturday, March 03, 2012 7:49 PM
To: Bob Custer
Subject: Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!

Bob,

Councilor O'Brian is right, the ordinance that we submitted bans single-use compostable plastic bags. For the fact that they are "single-use" bags. We also want a 5-cent charge on paper so people transition to reusable cloth bags. We want to transition towards reusables. So, one of the most important

reasons to ban bio-plastic is that it will still be a "single-use" item. It will be important to shift away from our single-use ethic, especially for those items where the resource is from a non-renewable source (like natural gas). I've attached an great article about bio-plastic to give you a more technical reason we want to ban them.

Curbside recycling of single-use plastic bags, or plastic film, present problems because of the following reasons:

*They do not meet the requirements of recycling.

1. Weightless. It's difficult to gather enough of a critical mass to make recycling economically worthwhile.
2. Flight-prone. Collecting them curbside is problematic because they are flight-prone.
3. Few are recycled. The store-based collection programs pushed by the ACC have scarcely raised bag recycling above single-digit rates.

*They pose problems for recyclers:

1. The value of plastic bags in scrap markets isn't high enough to make it worth the time of the seventeen-dollar-an-hour sorters. There are no robust end markets, but the end markets can't develop without being assured of a steady supply.
2. Plastics are a challenge for Municipal Recycling Facilities.
 - a. Plastic bags get caught, causing MRFs to stop machines, clean them off, which costs them money.

b. Most plastics can't be recycled together, but many look so similar that they are difficult to sort. PET is confused with PVC (both clear, both used in same type of packaging).

c. Corrupt recycling stream. Some products made of the same base polymer should not be recycled together; a PET bottle that's been blown into shape has a different melting temperature than a PET cookie tray that's been molded through extrusion.

d. They need to be hand sorted, which creates jobs, but drives up costs. Optical scanners are expensive so few MRFs have them.

i. When you've got seven hundred tons of stuff a day, it's not possible to do a rigorous sort.

3. On the West Coast, China is the destination for most plastics.

a. China currently takes about 70 percent of the world's used plastics.

b. Chinese recyclers are able to outbid their Western counterparts because they enjoy the same advantage as Chinese manufacturers of plastic products: cheap labor costs.

c. Hence, the US has few manufacturers or recyclers of plastic.

So, I hope I answered your questions. I've attached two papers that might be helpful.

Thanks for sending the letter to Councilor O'Brien

Debra

----- Original Message -----

From: "Bob Custer" <laststand@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
 To: "'Debra Higbee-Sudyka'" <dwhigbe@xxxxxxxx>
 Sent: Saturday, March 03, 2012 4:14 PM
 Subject: FW: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!

Debra,

I assume that bio-plastic is probably okay but we couldn't tell the difference and people would substitute plastic made from natural gas/petroleum? It would seem to be simpler if we went to paper bags. I don't think recycling would be anywhere near as effective as banning the plastic bags?

I would appreciate your comments.

Bob

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark O'Brien [mailto:ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx]
 Sent: Saturday, March 03, 2012 3:19 PM
 To: Robert Custer
 Subject: Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!

Hello Mr. Custer,

Thank you for adding your personal comments to the form letter. Not everyone has done that. Based on your closing stanza, I am interested in your feedback on a couple questions. Did you know that the Sierra Club proposed ordinance would specifically ban bio-plastic, fully compostable check-out bags? Is that ok? Do you oppose the provision of tote bags

manufactured using petroleum as opposed to, say, natural fiber? I think most of the plastic bags we get at the grocer are made using natural gas. How would you feel about a curbside recycling opportunity for all plastic film, not just bags? Thanks. Have a good weekend.

Sincerely,
Mark O'Brien
Mar 2, 2012

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Corvallis, OR 97333-4601

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This is an issue where Oregon will be way ahead if you ban the petroleum-based products and substitute biodegradable/recyclable wood products!

Sincerely,

Mr. Robert Custer
6800 NW Concord Dr
Corvallis, OR 97330-9514
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Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- *To:* "Mark O'Brien" <ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* "Debra Higbee-Sudyka" <dwhigbe@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sat, 3 Mar 2012 20:36:48 -0800

Councilor O'Brien,

I appreciate the opportunity of responding. I have responded below:

Firstly, I have to say that I am not especially enamored of form letters as an input source. Having been the subject of such a campaign I can say that one begins to numb to the intended message somewhere around the fiftieth iteration. I understand the power of numbers but we are all personally accessible to citizens. We are your neighbors after all. Our home phone numbers are posted at the City web page. Feel free to use them.

***I can understand the problems that more than fifteen letters represent. My intent was to show the Council that they have many Corvallis constituents who want them to ban single-use plastic checkout bags. I share the idea that we are all neighbors. My experience is that not all councilors are so easily accessible, but maybe I need to try harder. I would enjoy meeting with you and discussing these issues in person. Let me know when you have time for a meeting.

So far as your objection to the inclusion of corporate interests goes, I am not really sure what to say. You do not appear to object to all corporate interests, just one. There are a lot of corporate interests on the stakeholder list. You mention a concern that Hilex-Poly is not from Corvallis but neither are Oregon Surfrider, Environment Oregon or the Northwest Grocery Association. You would not have us disqualify any of these, would you? Or would you have us only include participants who reside within City limits?

***It is not true that I only object to one corporation's interests. However, I do object to inappropriate and unfair corporate interests. Hilex Poly is one the largest plastic bag manufacture in the nation and is located in South Carolina. Hilex Poly's interest is not in cutting back single-use plastic checkout bags, their interest is to expand them. They have sued and blocked plastic bag legislation throught the country. You are right, there are other large businesses that are on the stakeholder list, but none have a conflict of interest like Hilex Poly does. Oregon Surfrider and Environment Oregon and the Sierra Club are all represented nationally. However, they also have local members. When I called all of the large grocery stores in Corvallis, like Fred Meyers, Safeway, Winco, etc. their managers told me to call their corporate headquarters. When I called the corporate headquarters they referred me to the NW Grocery Association. So I did. The NW Grocery Association represents the local stores, so having them in the meetings is appropriate and no I would not disqualify them.

Corvallis values a fully transparent and inclusive public process in matters such as these. It is a foundational characteristic of a good civic process. We may not always appreciate one another's viewpoints but I believe decisions rendered in a vacuum come with unintended circumstances of their own.

***I fully agree with you on this and welcome a transparent and inclusive public process. I in turn personally believe that being honest, open, and appropriately transparant is the best, most powerful way to live one's life.

Your letter states,

"We elected this body of Council to represent people like myself, local residents that contribute to the economy and services of our local community and we expect to be represented fairly."

I most definitely agree that you and people like you contribute greatly to our local community but I was struck by the use of the phrase, "We elected..." Based on the address you provided in your letter it appears that you reside outside of Corvallis city limits. Is that correct? Are you able to vote in City Council elections, city levies and initiatives? I am only curious because I think it speaks to the question of inclusion you raised. In any event I welcome your participation.

***I live in unincorporated Corvallis at 4750 SW Nash Avenue. I also own property that is in Ward 1 in the city of Corvallis, so I am effected by what happens in City Council elections, city levies and initiatives. I participate in city and county politics because I feel that it is the best way I can add to and create a better world. I appreciate the work that you do as a councilor. I believe you are not on the Council for the money, and so I appreciate that you are working towards what you envision as a better world yourself.

On a side note, you and others are and will be represented fairly.

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***I did not mean to offend. Banning single-use checkout plastic bags is what I believe is the right thing to do. I appreciate that all the Councilors are aspiring to do the right thing every time they are called upon to make a decision. My wish is that they take into consideration the information that I present. You or they may not agree to it. Conversely, I too want to understand why you or others cannot see the importance of moving away from our single-use ethic, which is putting pressure on a finite resource base. Especially if it is causing harm to the natural world. However, I respect your right to you decision, and maybe I'm missing something so I will continue to try and understand it.

I am looking forward to our continuing conversation as well as your involvement in this important City initiative.

***Thank you for the opportunity to communicate with you, and for the work you do.

Sincerely,
Debra

Cheers,
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City Council President

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Debra Higbee-Sudyka
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Corvallis, OR 97333

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Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!

- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Kate Dempsey <kdempsey3@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sun, 4 Mar 2012 18:12:54 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Kate Dempsey <kdempsey3@xxxxxxx>

Mar 4, 2012

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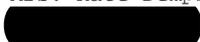
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Sincerely,

Mrs. Kate Dempsey

Corvallis, OR 97330-5160



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Plastic Bag Survey at Town Hall

- *Subject:* Plastic Bag Survey at Town Hall
- *From:* corvallismatters@xxxxxxx
- *Date:* Sun, 4 Mar 2012 14:38:22 -0500 (EST)

We did an informal survey on plastic bags at the Sustainability Coalition Town Hall.

The bean poll was set up at the Sierra Club table. We provided the following information

On November 7, 2011, in response to citizen requests, the Corvallis City Council recommended a staff study of a possible ban on single use plastic bags in Corvallis.

Scope: Reduce from all retail locations (excluding restaurants) single-use plastic (synthetic or natural) carryout bags that are provided at point of sale and that are less than 2.25 millimeters thick.

Options for implementing that directive include:

1. Ban on plastic bags with pass-through fee on paper bags. The fee would stay with the retailer. The pass-through fee would not be required for businesses with fewer than 25 employees.

2. Pass-through fee on both plastic and paper bags. Retailers and consumers would still have the choice of paper or plastic. The fee would stay with the retailer, but would not be required for businesses with fewer than 25 employees.

3. Voluntary education program about the plastic problem to encourage the use of reusable bags.

The results:

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Ban Plastic/5¢ fee on paper bags | 12 beans |
| 2. No Ban/ 5¢ fee on all bags | 59 beans |
| 3. Education only, volunteer ban | 4 beans |

Personally, I agree with the poll results. The 5¢ pass through fee on all bags is the best idea. Citizens can still choose what kind of bag they want to use. There is no dealing with definitions and various types of bags. All it does is direct retailers to overtly pass the cost of the bags onto the consumers. Consumers are already paying for the bags, but it is a hidden cost.

Louise Marquering



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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Barbara English <imagineand@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sun, 4 Mar 2012 02:41:30 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Barbara English <imagineand@xxxxxxxx>

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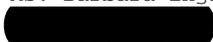
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Sincerely,

Ms. Barbara English

Corvallis, OR 97330-4637



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Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- *To:* "Mark O'Brien" <ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* "Debra Higbee-Sudyka" <dwhigbe@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sun, 4 Mar 2012 23:23:21 -0800
- *Cc:* "Mary Steckel" <mary.steckel@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Joel Hirsch" <ward6@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Jim Patterson" <Jim.Patterson@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Biff Traber" <ward8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Mark,

I have responded to your email below:

I've read the letter you intend to share with Council at Monday's meeting. It includes a misconception I would like to clear up.

***I'm not sure what version of the letter you received, and it may not be the one I present tomorrow.

A.S.C. did not vote on a recommendation to change the goal to "reduce impact" and no such recommendation is being forwarded by the committee.

During the discussion I said I thought there was value in including a discussion about enhanced recycling for plastic film. Staff indicated that the existing goal language was proscribed in such a way as to prevent any discussion on recycling. They suggested that I bring my observation to Council for direction.

***The reference I made in my letter was to the Agenda that Linda Lovette sent out for the last meeting, which I have attached. One section reads as follows:

"2. Update on Work to Date 1:35 - 1:45

On February 22, the Administrative Services Committee provided feedback on the process so far and suggested changing the goal to be "reduce the impact of the use of single-use plastic bags" so that improving recycling would be part of the discussion. Staff has requested Council approval for the change in scope, but since Council does not meet until March 5 is proceeding with this meeting following the direction from ASC."

***In my letter I was quoting the agenda above, which uses the words "changing the goal," and "change in scope." And during the Stakeholder meeting, we followed the agenda, which meant that we had "General discussion on recycling given the direction from ASC," We also developed "two surveys (retailer, consumer) to determine the level of support for the options identified in previous stakeholder meetings and discuss ways to include increasing recycling as part of those options." So this may help you understand my references and belief that we were changing the goal.

My intent would be to ask that the goal be tweaked slightly to read "reduce the use AND impact of single use plastic bags."

***That may have been your intent, but the Agenda, made it clear to me that "reducing impact" was to be achieved through "increasing recycling," or "improving recycling."

Plastic bags and other plastic film will remain in use following what is certain to be a ban of some type in the coming months. I pretty much see resistance to a ban as a waste of my time and now I'm focusing on trying to ensure we make wise choices about its enactment.

***I support your believe that there will be a ban and I too want to ensure that we make wise choices.

If you'll allow me a little bit of wiggle room I might be able to get some

bigger and better things accomplished on plastic film beyond the scope of the grocery bag ban.

***I'm not sure how to respond to this except that I need more information. I realize that single-use checkout plastic bags are a small portion of all the plastic in our environment, but it is an important step in the right direction, which will lay the groundwork for a shift in the way we view single-use items.

Hilex-Poly will come and Hilex-Poly will go. Oregon Surfrider will come and Oregon Surfrider will go. It is you and I who will remain here when the dust settles. We will be the ones who have to live with whatever decisions are made. Our community will be best served if we decide to work together civilly and beyond rancor, hyperbole and emotional entreaties.

***I too want to work to make good decisions for this community, which are built on solid facts and un-biased information; in a way that is respectful.

See the minutes below:

"Councilor O'Brien said he is interested in pursuing Option 3 Voluntary Education and he requested adding reducing the impact of plastic bags through recycling improvements as one the potential goals. Ms. Lovett said staff carefully reviewed the wording of the Council goal and concluded recycling did not meet the goal of reducing plastic bag use, so it has not been discussed in past meetings. She offered to include the topic in future discussions. Ms. Steckel said staff requests the Committee and Council's buy in before changing the scope; Councilor O'Brien agreed."

***I will see you tomorrow, where we can further discuss this. Thank you for your time and input.

Sincerely,

Debra

Cheers,

Mark

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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* James Simmons <woodpecker97330@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Mon, 5 Mar 2012 19:10:34 -0500 (EST)
- *Reply-to:* woodpecker97330@xxxxxxxx

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James Simmons


Corvallis, OR 97330

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <christine.crabtree@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Mon, 5 Mar 2012 20:36:40 -0800
- *Cc:* <christine.crabtree@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Mon, 5 Mar 2012 20:37:13 -0800 (PST)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120306043713.343F5F8CDE@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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I hope you'll oppose bans and taxes, and instead support the real solution to litter: recycling. By creating a public education program, you could make Corvallis a statewide leader in recycling.

Sincerely,

Christine Crabtree

Corvallis, OR 97333

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Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <riley@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Mon, 5 Mar 2012 09:42:53 -0800
- *Cc:* <riley@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Mon, 5 Mar 2012 09:43:26 -0800 (PST)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120305174326.B6A33F81AD@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Andrew Riley


Corvallis, OR 97331

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Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* Joanne Gaylord <Gaylordjohng@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Mon, 5 Mar 2012 19:14:05 -0500 (EST)
- *Reply-to:* Gaylordjohng@xxxxxxx

We all support ending the plastic bag problem affecting the world. The streams, rivers and oceans are awash with plastic and it is all of our responsibility to end this pollution. Please dont be taken in by the big lobby firms and their slick talk. Let Corvallis be a leader in this just cause. We count on you and the council to boldly go forward and do what is right for the planet. Good luck in your work !!! We appreciate your efforts Joanne Gaylord, [REDACTED] Corvallis OR 97330

Joanne Gaylord
[REDACTED]
Corvallis, OR 97330

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <Kazmundio@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Mon, 5 Mar 2012 15:22:28 -0800
- *Cc:* <Kazmundio@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Mon, 5 Mar 2012 15:23:20 -0800 (PST)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120305232320.371784E2F95@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Mayor Manning,

I fully support the ban on plastic bags. I work at Safeway and see how fast we go through those things. People take them when they have backpacks or could easily carry their items, it's simple force of habit.

I'm writing this letter from inside a PR campaign website from Hilex Poly that's being advertised on Facebook, and I'm taking the opportunity to say this because there is no money in the grassroots movement to ban bags, and therefore no link to write in to support it.

I talked to a grassroots worker about this proposed ban last year and they said that they hadn't felt any resistance from it at the local level, but there was funded opposition from an out of state plastics company called "Hilex Poly". Literally everybody in Corvallis who this has ever come up with has expressed that it's a good idea. The next I heard of it was this ad.

<http://www.bagtheban.com/take-action/corvallis/?topicId=17034>

The real issue here is that there is a growing trash island in the pacific ocean twice the size of Texas.

<http://parkhowell.com/green-advertising-and-marketing/a-floating-island-of-garbage-twice-the-size-of-texas>

Hilex Poly is an out of state business with money to spend. Banning bags would just cut off that much money going out of state. I hope that the city council is intelligent enough not to buy this cheap BS. Look at this cookie cutter rhetoric about jobs and families used to support the interests of a single large business: "I recently heard that Corvallis is considering three ways to decrease litter and increase recycling in our town: banning bags, taxing bags, or creating a public education program about recycling.

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Barf!

Sincerely,

Justin Zabroski

Corvallis, OR 97330

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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* Paulette Simmons <pyhsimmons@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Mon, 5 Mar 2012 20:29:17 -0500 (EST)
- *Reply-to:* pyhsimmons@xxxxxxxxxxx

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Paulette Simmons

Corvallis, OR 97330

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <meatblade@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Mon, 5 Mar 2012 16:30:16 -0800
- *Cc:* <meatblade@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Mon, 5 Mar 2012 16:30:53 -0800 (PST)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120306003053.04F11F8DEE@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Mayor Manning,

Please ban plastic bags in Corvallis. If plastic bags were no longer an option people like myself would be forced to take the quick easy extra step of bringing our own bags to the store. While recycling sounds great and all, I highly doubt that people will follow through. Ban plastic bags and help Corvallis become a statewide example of how to reduce waste.

Thanks

Sincerely,

Billy Stevens
[Redacted]
Corvallis, OR 97330

- **Follow-Ups:**
 - **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
 - *From:* mayor
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Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: Mary Dean Snelling <snellmd@xxxxxxx>
- Date: Mon, 5 Mar 2012 22:50:17 -0500 (EST)
- Reply-to: snellmd@xxxxxxx

I fully support the single-use plastic bag ban policy under consideration by the Corvallis City Council. As a Corvallis resident I am concerned about corporate interests in blocking this policy.

It is estimated that less than 5% of plastic grocery bags are currently being recycled. The remainder threaten our wildlife, pollute the landscape and go into the Coffin Butte landfill. Science has shown that it takes more than a hundred years for the plastic to disintegrate, if ever.

Personally I have switched to cloth bags which is a very easy solution. There is no reason we need to pollute our environment and threaten wildlife with plastic bags. Please vote as our environmentally conscious community would. Support the ban on single-use plastic bags. Please think about the right thing to do for future generations.

Mary Dean Snelling

[Redacted Address]

Corvallis, OR 97330

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Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <currentpattern@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Mon, 5 Mar 2012 20:51:24 -0800
- *Cc:* <currentpattern@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Mon, 5 Mar 2012 20:51:56 -0800 (PST)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120306045156.B7396F8D19@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Mayor Manning,

Please ban plastic bags, AND creating a public education program about recycling.

I highly doubt that banning plastic bags will create severe burdens on jobs and Corvallis families. People will easily adjust. Not only would such a change be helpful for the environment, but it will also encourage people in knowing that some concrete changes in everyday life can and will happen, which will make people be more willing to accept the kinds of lifestyle changes that we are going to have to adopt in the near future if we are to become a sustainable community. Banning plastic bags seems like a significant change in people's eyes (though in truth it is a relatively minor change). This will help people get used to changing their lifestyles.

Helix-Poly's claim that taxing or banning bags could directly threaten Oregon's manufacturing and recycling jobs is propably an overstatement. Helix-Poly is an out-of-state plastic bag manufacturer, and they are NOT concerned with the state of Oregon's economy- they are ONLY concerned with OREGON BUYING MORE PLASTIC BAGS. Please discount them. They are merely the automated voice of plastic bags attempting to preserve themselves. If weeds in your garden could speak, they would say similar things.

Sincerely,

Bryan Smith

Corvallis, OR 97330

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 - *From:* mayor



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Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* CHARLES PHOENIX <CPCHINOOK@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Mon, 5 Mar 2012 23:59:54 -0500 (EST)
- *Reply-to:* CPCHINOOK@xxxxxxx

I write to express my strong support of the council's original request of the Administrative Services Committee to develop a plan to reduce the use of plastic checkout bags in the city of Corvallis. A policy that would prohibit single-use plastic checkout bags at retail establishments throughout the City is the most effective means of reaching this goal which I strongly support.

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cCHARLES PHOENIX

[REDACTED]
CORVALLIS, OR 97333

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No plastic Bags in Corvallis

- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* No plastic Bags in Corvallis
- *From:* Todd Reeve <treeve@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Mon, 5 Mar 2012 23:23:57 -0500 (EST)
- *Reply-to:* treeve@xxxxxxxx

I am a lifelong Corvallis resident, and I am writing to very strongly support banning plastic bags in Corvallis. It makes no sense to provide throw-away plastic bags with every store purchase. These bags end up in the landfill, in our creeks and parks, and they serve little value as many other options exist for carrying groceries or other items purchased at a store. IN addition, the bags are of such poor quality that they largely cannot be used for multiple purposes. It's absurd that we continue this.

I feel very strongly that Corvallis needs to set a precedent here and protect the resources that we have. We can't afford to perpetuate a throw-away culture by facilitating this ridiculous custom of single use, free-of-charge plastic bags with every single purchase.

This issue is very important to me and my family, and I expect to track progress on this and pursue whatever needs to be done to get this passed.

Thank you very much for your work for Corvallis and for supporting this action.

Todd Reeve

Todd Reeve

 Corvallis, OR 97330

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- To: ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: Chris Johnson <cjohnson24@xxxxxxx>
- Date: Mon, 5 Mar 2012 00:20:39 -0500 (EST)
- Reply-to: cjohnson24@xxxxxxx

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--I agree with the above pre-prepared paragraph by Surfrider. I think we are caring and clever society to find other solutions to plastic bags. Are we so naive to think that this cheap OIL based product doesn't kill many, many animals every day?

I am a lifelong resident of Corvallis and I want our city to be a leader in the movement to DO WHAT IS RIGHT. We share this planet and it is up to us to LEAD THE WAY! Please ban all plastic bag use. Thank you.

Chris Johnson

 Corvallis, OR 97333

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Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* Jan Weir <jan@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Tue, 6 Mar 2012 12:13:32 -0500 (EST)
- *Reply-to:* jan@xxxxxxxxxxx

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Jan Weir

Corvallis, OR 97333

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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* Sally Utt <utts@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Tue, 6 Mar 2012 13:18:13 -0500 (EST)
- *Reply-to:* utts@xxxxxxxx

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Sally Utt


Corvallis, OR 97330

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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* Rachel Ozretich <racheloz@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Tue, 6 Mar 2012 13:31:01 -0500 (EST)
- *Reply-to:* racheloz@xxxxxxx

Please don't let corporate profits (for non-corvallisites, especially) or citizen laziness outweigh our stewardship of our lifeboat Earth! It wasn't that long ago that we always used paper bags or fabric bags!! Do the right thing, follow up the bottle bills, and represent our local interests with this small, yet positive step towards sustainability in Corvallis - ban the plastic bag!!

Rachel Ozretich

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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please ban the bag in Corvallis
- *From:* Charles Langford <langford@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Tue, 6 Mar 2012 01:41:02 -0500 (EST)
- *Reply-to:* langford@xxxxxxx

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Corvallis, OR 97330

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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* Linda Ramsey <lindathenurse@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Tue, 6 Mar 2012 12:01:22 -0500 (EST)
- *Reply-to:* lindathenurse@xxxxxxx

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Linda Ramsey

Corvallis, OR 97333

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <bonkisqueen@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Tue, 6 Mar 2012 19:42:26 -0800
- *Cc:* <bonkisqueen@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Tue, 6 Mar 2012 19:43:00 -0800 (PST)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120307034300.6336BFBA73@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Amanda Harden

Corvallis, OR 97330

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <ayers8149@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 7 Mar 2012 20:46:17 -0800
- *Cc:* <ayers8149@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Wed, 7 Mar 2012 20:46:51 -0800 (PST)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120308044651.519AAFD4D4@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Mark Ayers

Corvallis, OR 97333

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ban the bag

- *To:* Richard Hervey <ward3@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* ban the bag
- *From:* Nancy Baumeister <nancybee@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 07 Mar 2012 09:13:47 -0800

We don't need those stinkin' plastic bags.

And the counter messaging starts. Plastic bags are big business and they've got the big bucks to promote their message.

First- A North Carolina company is hiring a PR firm to pay attention to little old Corvallis- they must really want our bag business. I guess there is a lot of money to be made selling single use plastic bags.

Second, Under the "sponsored" links (ads) on facebook I find an ad from the pro-single use plastic bag folks. So they've got the money to advertise on Facebook too.

Nancy

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Nancy Baumeister
CoHoEcovillage.com

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<web>plastic bags

- *To:* ward9@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* <web>plastic bags
- *From:* noreply@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Wed, 7 Mar 2012 16:32:02 -0800
- *Reply-to:* <noreply@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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It appears from reading the GT that the council is going to bend to the wishes of the vocal minority and ban the use of plastic grocery bags in Corvallis. There are many of us in the silent majority who reuse these bags many times, especially as garbage bags. They are biodegradable when used in this manner and do not harm the environment.

Should the council pass such an ordinance, there are also many of us who will cease to do our shopping in Corvallis. We do have alternatives. Albany is very close and is very customer friendly. It would be much more advisable to encourage reuse of these bags rather than a ban. Whatever happened to individual personal choice and less "big brother?" I am a very responsible citizen, friendly to the environment, and I resent the implications of "iron-handed" rule.

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<web>Plastic grocery bag ban

- *To:* ward6@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* <web>Plastic grocery bag ban
- *From:* cerklewf@xxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Wed, 7 Mar 2012 10:04:30 -0800
- *Reply-to:* <cerklewf@xxxxxxxxxxxx>

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:

Florian Cerklewski
cerklewf@xxxxxxxxxxxx

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Citizens of Corvallis can recycle plastic bags whenever they do their grocery shopping (I do it once a week). Why not have an educational blitz encouraging people to recycle plastic rather than having a largely symbolic gesture of banning bags (Any of us could continue to get bags when we go to Albany, for example)?

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <nrneumann@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 7 Mar 2012 22:06:56 -0800
- *Cc:* <nrneumann@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Wed, 7 Mar 2012 22:07:29 -0800 (PST)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120308060729.AA8B8FD4BF@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Corvallis, OR 97333

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- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <magalicious9@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 8 Mar 2012 08:31:57 -0800
- *Cc:* <magalicious9@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Thu, 8 Mar 2012 08:32:30 -0800 (PST)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* Sean Hixon <seanhixon3@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Fri, 9 Mar 2012 17:47:35 -0500 (EST)
- *Reply-to:* seanhixon3@xxxxxxxx

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Corvallis, OR 97330

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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* Lillian Tuttle <lillianjtuttle@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Fri, 9 Mar 2012 18:56:13 -0500 (EST)
- *Reply-to:* lillianjtuttle@xxxxxxxx

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Corvallis, OR 97330

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4 YEARS AGO, CHINA RESTRICTED MAKING OR USING PLASTIC BAGS. BANGLA DESH, OAKLAND, SAN FRANCISCO, AND OTHERS HAVE JOINED IN. WHOLE FOODS AND TRADER JOE'S HAVE BANNED THEM.

IRELAND HAS A 33 CENT FEE ON THEIR USE. NEW DELHI FINES SHOPS \$600 FOR USING THEM. THEN 1000 CORVALIS RESIDENTS ASKED FOR A BAN TOO



THE CITY COUNCIL SENT IT TO THE ASC COMMITTEE TO GET PUBLIC INPUT.

THE ASC WAS AGHAST. INPUT? WITHOUT THE USUAL CONTROL BY THE RICH?



THAT HAD TO BE REMEDIED, AND THE CITY SEARCHED UNTIL THEY FOUND A PLASTICS CORPORATION, HILEX - IN SOUTH CAROLINA - WILLING TO TAKE CHARGE. HILEX POLY HAS SUED EVERYONE FROM A MAKER OF REUSABLE BAGS TO LOS ANGELES ON THE ISSUE.

OF COURSE, THE CITY SAYS "WE JUST WANT TO HEAR THE "STAKEHOLDER" ON THIS ISSUE". UH HUH. ESPECIALLY THE CORPORATE ONES.



I'M THE STAKEHOLDER HERE!



THIS ISN'T NEW. THE CITY HAS DONE THIS TO NEIGHBORHOODS, TO OTHERS. IT'S ALL ABOUT THE 1%.



MEANINGFUL CITIZEN INPUT GIVES HIVES TO SOME IN THE CITY. THEY DON'T KNOW HOW TO HANDLE THAT RADICAL IDEA.



YOU CAN IMAGINE WHAT IT WOULD HAVE LOOKED LIKE IF BIG TOBACCO GAVE INPUT ON SMOKING IN BARS.

ABOUT LIKE THIS ACTUALLY



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Re: Plastic Bag Survey at Town Hall

- To: ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Plastic Bag Survey at Town Hall
- From: corvallismatters@xxxxxxx
- Date: Fri, 9 Mar 2012 22:12:56 -0500 (EST)

Hi Mark!
I pondered your questions for awhile.

I would be fine with a 10¢ or even 25¢ per bag pass through fee. In Cayman Island they cost 5¢, which is about 7¢ US. In Europe we paid 10¢, which is about 20¢ US.

If they do go with a ban, I agree that following the Portland standard would be fine.

According to Julie Jackson of Allied Waste, any kind of plastic film bag jams up the machines, both the yard debris and other shredders. Compostable bags need to be composted at home.

Louise

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-----Original Message-----

From: Mark O'Brien <ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

To: corvallismatters <corvallismatters@xxxxxxx>

Cc: Biff Traber <ward8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>; Jim Patterson <Jim.Patterson@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>; Joel Hirsch <ward6@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>; Mary Steckel <mary.steckel@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Sent: Sun, Mar 4, 2012 8:01 pm

Subject: Re: Plastic Bag Survey at Town Hall

Louise,

Any idea about what motivated these results. I would have expected a

different outcome but participants clearly had a preference. Interesting

stuff and I thank you for sharing this information. I'm curious what you

think about the nickel charge given that paper bags can cost \$.25 and up

whereas plastic bags cost about \$.04 each. I bought some bio-plastic,

compostable bags for my business this week to check them out and they cost

me \$.26 each. It's gets pretty complicated doesn't it. I assume big
retailers get some better deals on bags. If a ban is what is demanded,
what do you think about following an established program such as they have
enacted in Portland rather than doing our own thing? See attachment.
Thanks for the interesting input.

Mark

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> We did an informal survey on plastic bags at the Sustainability Coalition

> Town Hall.

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> The bean poll was set up at the Sierra Club table. We provided the

> following information

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> On November 7, 2011, in response to citizen requests, theCorvallis City

> Council recommended a staff study of a possible ban on singleuse plastic

> bags in Corvallis.



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Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* Mark Hixon <hixonm@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Fri, 9 Mar 2012 17:35:12 -0500 (EST)
- *Reply-to:* hixonm@xxxxxxxxxxx

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Philomath, OR 97370

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Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!

- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Keri Keenan-Tasker <keri.keenan.tasker@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sat, 10 Mar 2012 11:21:11 -0600 (CST)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Keri Keenan-Tasker <keri.keenan.tasker@xxxxxxxx>

Mar 10, 2012

Mr. Mark O'Brien
501 SW Madison Avenue
Corvallis, OR 97333-4601

Dear Mr. O'Brien,

I write to express my strong support of the Corvallis ordinance that bans single use plastic checkout bags.

There are reasonable biodegradable alternatives already available on the market, making resistance to this change seem almost foolish.

Already, more than 50 downtown Corvallis businesses, and thousands of Corvallis citizens support this effort. All we need is City action. Banning plastic bags best addresses the problems of single-use plastic bag waste, and most effectively moves consumers to sustainable alternatives.

Our dependence on single-use plastic products has devastating effects on the environment. From the Great Pacific Garbage Patch to the thousands of marine animals who die each year, plastic bags are contributing to environmental damage to our ocean systems. There is no reason something we use for a few minutes should last a few hundred years.

Corvallis is known for its environmental standards nationwide, and has received numerous awards. Passing a ban here will have a positive impact. Of the bag bans in effect in the US, none have demonstrably hurt consumers or local business, but they have saved consumers, cities, and businesses the expenses incurred from dealing with these products.

Corvallis has the chance to set an example for other communities, and lay the groundwork for a statewide solution in 2013. Please ban single use plastic checkout bags here in Corvallis.

Sincerely,

Ms. Keri Keenan-Tasker

Corvallis, OR 97333-1904

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Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <volvo_p1800@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sun, 11 Mar 2012 22:35:28 -0700
- *Cc:* <volvo_p1800@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Sun, 11 Mar 2012 22:35:59 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120312053559.AE52F10178B@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Bag taxes and don't help clean the environment or reduce litter. They just hurt people who can least afford an additional cost burden in these tough economic times.

I hope you'll oppose taxes, and instead support the real solution to litter: Ban plastic bags, and support recycling. By creating a public education program, you could make Corvallis a statewide leader in recycling.

Sincerely,

Sean McMullen

Corvallis, OR 97330

- **Follow-Ups:**
 - **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
 - *From:* mayor
- Prev by Date: **Privatization of Government Services - Program Tuesday at 7 pm at the library**
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Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <jaredt1234@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Mon, 12 Mar 2012 15:30:50 -0700
- *Cc:* <jaredt1234@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Mon, 12 Mar 2012 15:31:25 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120312223125.EB0FB1035A2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

jared thayer

corvallis, OR 97330

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 - *From:* mayor

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <regina.l.w.78@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Mon, 12 Mar 2012 13:12:47 -0700
- *Cc:* <regina.l.w.78@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Mon, 12 Mar 2012 13:13:21 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120312201321.7434C103174@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

regina walker

corvallis, OR 97333

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <paul@xxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Mon, 12 Mar 2012 08:13:41 -0700
- *Cc:* <paul@xxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Mon, 12 Mar 2012 08:14:18 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120312151418.CB20C102009@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Paul Mumford

Corvallis, OR 97333

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 - *From:* mayor
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<web>plastic bag ban

- *To:* ward6@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* <web>plastic bag ban
- *From:* loebb@xxxxxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Mon, 12 Mar 2012 07:48:09 -0700
- *Reply-to:* <loebb@xxxxxxxxxxx>

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:

Barbara Loeb
loebb@xxxxxxxxxxx
prefer phone contact: no

Dear Joel,

I strongly support the ban of plastic grocery bags. Please do not be swayed by corporate interests. Environmental interests are more important.

Barbara Loeb

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Retail Survey regarding Single-Use Plastic Bags

- *To:* undisclosed-recipients:;
 - *Subject:* Retail Survey regarding Single-Use Plastic Bags
 - *From:* Joan Wessell <joan@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* Mon, 12 Mar 2012 12:07:22 -0700
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Greetings DCA Members:

Please take a few minutes to complete the retailer survey regarding Single-Use Plastic Bags.

Even though the survey will be kept open until April 6, please respond to it as early as possible so it isn't forgotten.

Here's the message I received from Linda Lovett, Sustainability Supervisor with the City of Corvallis (541.754.1736)

Good morning,

Sorry for the delay with the retail survey. It should be o.k. now, but please let me know if you have any problems with it.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/YOPT3LC>

We will keep the survey open until 5pm on April 6th, so if you send this out to your members today they will have a full month to respond.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Linda

Linda Lovett
Sustainability Supervisor
City of Corvallis
541-754-1736
<http://www.ci.corvallis.or.us>

Joan

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <richardmeneghelli@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Mon, 12 Mar 2012 19:00:21 -0700
- *Cc:* <richardmeneghelli@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Mon, 12 Mar 2012 19:00:52 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120313020052.F39B0103900@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Richard Meneghelli

corvallis, OR 97333

- **Follow-Ups:**
 - **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
 - *From:* mayor
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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <kunfuth@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Tue, 13 Mar 2012 21:18:43 -0700
- *Cc:* <kunfuth@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Tue, 13 Mar 2012 21:19:08 -0700 (PDT)
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Sincerely,

Kathie Jones-Hennessy

Corvallis , OR 97330

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <Onewolfe44@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Tue, 13 Mar 2012 20:38:46 -0700
- *Cc:* <Onewolfe44@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Tue, 13 Mar 2012 20:39:10 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120314033910.7409B10BE77@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Glen Jones

Corvallis, OR 97333

- **Follow-Ups:**
 - **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
 - *From:* mayor
- Prev by Date: **Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
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Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <laineydyer@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Tue, 13 Mar 2012 19:29:53 -0700
- *Cc:* <laineydyer@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Tue, 13 Mar 2012 19:30:26 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120314023026.C592410CBE1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Lainey Dyer

Corvallis, OR 97333

- **Follow-Ups:**
 - **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
 - *From:* mayor
- Prev by Date: **the NW natural request**
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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <bbucolo@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Tue, 13 Mar 2012 18:06:24 -0700
- *Cc:* <bbucolo@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Tue, 13 Mar 2012 18:06:50 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120314010650.1253110C9E2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Brian Bucolo

Corvallis, OR 97330

- **Follow-Ups:**
 - **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
 - *From:* mayor
- Prev by Date: **Ten Rivers Food Web Chefs' Show-Off**
- Next by Date: **Re: NW Natural Gas Request**



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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <christine.dashiell@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Tue, 13 Mar 2012 12:42:05 -0700
- *Cc:* <christine.dashiell@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Tue, 13 Mar 2012 12:42:37 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120313194237.3E49B10ADAF@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Christine Dashiell

Corvallis, OR 97330

- **Follow-Ups:**
 - **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
 - *From:* mayor
- Prev by Date: **Re: <web>Web Request**
- Next by Date: **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**



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Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- *To:* ward2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* Casey Benkwitt <casey.benkwitt@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Tue, 13 Mar 2012 16:08:33 -0400 (EDT)
- *Reply-to:* casey.benkwitt@xxxxxxxx

I write to express my strong support of the council's original request of the Administrative Services Committee to develop a plan to reduce the use of plastic checkout bags in the city of Corvallis. A policy that would prohibit single-use plastic checkout bags at retail establishments throughout the City is the most effective means of reaching this goal which I strongly support.

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Casey Benkwitt

Corvallis, OR 97330

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- Prev by Date: **Performance Measures II: Early Bird Rate Ends Soon**
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<web>bag ban

- *To:* ward8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* <web>bag ban
- *From:* landau.jan@xxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Wed, 14 Mar 2012 15:45:23 -0700
- *Reply-to:* <landau.jan@xxxxxxxx>

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:
 Jan Landau
 landau.jan@xxxxxxxx
 prefer phone contact: no

Dear Councilor Trabor,

Please vote to ban plastic bags in Corvallis.

Thank you.

Jan Landau,
 Audubon Society of Corvallis member and I live in your ward

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- Next by Date: [Fwd: OSU/City Collaboration Project Working Groups](#)
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BrooklaneNA Plastic Bag survey

- *To:* Brooklane Neighborhood Assn <brooklane-n-a@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* BrooklaneNA Plastic Bag survey
- *From:* Laurie Childers <childers@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 14 Mar 2012 21:10:02 -0700 (PDT)
- *Mailing-list:* list brooklane-n-a@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx; contact brooklane-n-a+owners@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

What do you think about Corvallis efforts to ban plastic bags? Please follow the link to take the survey .

The link to the citizen survey is now live on the City's plastic bag web page:

http://www.ci.corvallis.or.us/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=4850&Itemid=5086

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Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!

- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* John Long <johnlcorvallis@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 14 Mar 2012 23:17:35 -0500 (CDT)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* John Long <johnlcorvallis@xxxxxxxx>

Mar 14, 2012

Mr. Mark O'Brien
501 SW Madison Avenue
Corvallis, OR 97333-4601

Dear Mr. O'Brien,

I write to express my strong support of the Corvallis ordinance that bans single use plastic checkout bags.

Already, more than 50 downtown Corvallis businesses, and thousands of Corvallis citizens support this effort. All we need is City action. Banning plastic bags best addresses the problems of single-use plastic bag waste, and most effectively moves consumers to sustainable alternatives.

Our dependence on single-use plastic products has devastating effects on the environment. From the Great Pacific Garbage Patch to the thousands of marine animals who die each year, plastic bags are contributing to environmental damage to our ocean systems. There is no reason something we use for a few minutes should last a few hundred years.

Corvallis is known for its environmental standards nationwide, and has received numerous awards. Passing a ban here will have a positive impact. Of the bag bans in effect in the US, none have demonstrably hurt consumers or local business, but they have saved consumers, cities, and businesses the expenses incurred from dealing with these products.

Corvallis has the chance to set an example for other communities, and lay the groundwork for a statewide solution in 2013. Please ban single use plastic checkout bags here in Corvallis.

Sincerely,

Mr. John Long
[Redacted]
Corvallis, OR 97333-1146
[Redacted]

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <wherethoughtscanbreathe@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 14 Mar 2012 11:21:32 -0700
- *Cc:* <wherethoughtscanbreathe@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Wed, 14 Mar 2012 11:22:05 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120314182205.6198A4E8FB3@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Jessie Crawford

Philomath, OR 97370

- **Follow-Ups:**
 - **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
 - *From:* mayor
- Prev by Date: **Corrected Copy: NIRS Oregon fact sheet and PERS 2009 economic impact study**
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Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <zano_zano@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 15 Mar 2012 12:20:28 -0700
- *Cc:* <zano_zano@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Thu, 15 Mar 2012 12:20:59 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120315192059.65C684EA5DA@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Travis LaMont

corvallis , OR 97333

- **Follow-Ups:**
 - **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
 - *From:* mayor
- Prev by Date: **Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <farm2391@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 15 Mar 2012 12:20:06 -0700
- *Cc:* <farm2391@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Thu, 15 Mar 2012 12:20:38 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120315192038.0E56B4EA5C2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Aaron Jenks

Tangent, OR 97389

- **Follow-Ups:**
 - **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
 - *From:* mayor
- Prev by Date: <web>**Student housing**
- Next by Date: **Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**



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Fwd: LWVCorvallis: Bag It Movie - attached

- *To:* Jeanne Raymond <ward7@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Fwd: LWVCorvallis: Bag It Movie - attached
- *From:* Jeanne Raymond <raymondj@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 15 Mar 2012 14:49:34 -0700
- *Cc:* Ward 1 <ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Ward 2 <ward2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Ward 3 <ward3@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Ward 4 <ward4@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Ward 5 <ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Ward 6 <ward6@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Ward 8 <ward8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Ward 9 <ward9@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Jim Patterson <jim.patterson@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

FYI - Bag It Movie

Begin forwarded message:

From: Paula Krane <kranep@xxxxxxx>
Subject: LWVCorvallis: Bag It Movie - attached
Date: March 14, 2012 9:52:18 PM PDT
To: kranep@xxxxxxx

<http://www.lwv.corvallis.or.us>. [More information about LWV available on our website](#)

This announcement has been sent to all LWV of Corvallis members whose email address we have. This list will be used for all meeting announcements and action alerts. If you do not wish to receive these emails please contact Paula Krane - 752-2361 or kranep@xxxxxxx to have your name removed. Thanks

This is not a League sponsored event but might be of interest to League members.

Attachment: Bag It Movie flyer 3.23.12.doc
Description: MS-Word document

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <glacierstone@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 15 Mar 2012 16:40:49 -0700
- *Cc:* <glacierstone@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Thu, 15 Mar 2012 16:41:23 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120315234123.4DE6810F6A1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Stephen Meyers

Corvallis, OR 97333

- **Follow-Ups:**
 - **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
 - *From:* mayor
- Prev by Date: **Materials for next week's meetings**
- Next by Date: **TPR & OHP Presentation**



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Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- *To:* mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* Kevin Wilson <kwilson8@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Fri, 16 Mar 2012 13:01:04 -0400 (EDT)
- *Reply-to:* kwilson8@xxxxxxxxxxx

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Kevin Wilson

Corvallis, OR 97330

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- Follow-Ups:
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 - *From:* mayor
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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <teresa97756@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Fri, 16 Mar 2012 10:37:17 -0700
- *Cc:* <teresa97756@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Fri, 16 Mar 2012 10:37:55 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120316173755.9E5714EB06D@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Mayor Manning,

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Sincerely,

Teresa Richardson

Lebanon, OR 97355

- **Follow-Ups:**
 - **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
 - *From:* mayor
- Prev by Date: **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
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Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <brad.attig@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Fri, 16 Mar 2012 21:04:40 -0700
- *Cc:* <brad.attig@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Fri, 16 Mar 2012 21:05:24 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120317040524.5EC8A118DD7@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Mayor Manning,

I got the below bunch of propaganda with the encouragement that I write you with their canned story. I believe more in Santa Claus than what the "people of Hilex Poly" have to say. Plastic is made from oil, need I say more?

Anyone that thinks not making plastic bags hurts our economy is only thinking about the plastic bag makers. We have men and women dying in foreign countries to preserve our supply of oil, so we can make more plastic bags.

So here is what they wanted me to tell you. If you believe it, I have a bridge to sell the city next week.

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I guess they feel you have failed in educating the public, free bus service with healthy fuel isn't enough. Maybe we don't have enough bike lanes for them. Maybe the 'people of Hilex Poly' should visit. Maybe they can suggest solar panels on homes or

chickens in the back yard?

I think they might even suggest we walk more. We'll know by how you vote who the contributed too, BTW.

Sincerely,

Brad Attig

Corvallis, OR 97330

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<web>plastic bag ban

- *To:* ward7@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* <web>plastic bag ban
- *From:* dmell3.14159@xxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Fri, 16 Mar 2012 14:17:51 -0700
- *Reply-to:* <dmell3.14159@xxxxxxxx>

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:

Dave Mellinger

dmell3.14159@xxxxxxxx

prefer phone contact: no

Hello Jeanne,

I support the ban on single-use plastic bags. It will be less convenient to not have them, but the price is well worth it to get them out of our environment, particularly the marine environment.

Thanks for your attention. No reply needed.

Dave Mellinger



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Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* Kevin Wilson <kwilson8@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Fri, 16 Mar 2012 13:01:03 -0400 (EDT)
- *Reply-to:* kwilson8@xxxxxxxxxxx

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Kevin Wilson

Corvallis, OR 97330

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <Tysonlassen@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Fri, 16 Mar 2012 17:08:17 -0700
- *Cc:* <Tysonlassen@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Fri, 16 Mar 2012 17:08:54 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120317000854.71DA7118A02@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Tyson Lassen


Corvallis, OR 97333

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Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: Javier Fernandez <xavi_69@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Sat, 17 Mar 2012 22:49:01 -0400 (EDT)
- Reply-to: xavi_69@xxxxxxxxxxx

My family and I have lived in Corvallis for more than 10 years and in Oregon our entire lives. I'm writtig because I voted for some of you and Corvallis to stay the paradise it is! BAN THE PLASTIC BAGS NOW!!! there is no other option. Plastic manufacturing companies do no represent the interest of Corvallis and we citizens can be part of the change by letting you know that we want bags out of this city!!!

This is the opinion of my wife LINDSAY, me JAVIER and my young son IGNACIO.

GET IT DONE the time is now!!!

The Fernandez Family!

Javier Fernandez

 Corvallis, OR 97330

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <ramona.fricke@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sat, 17 Mar 2012 18:56:25 -0700
- *Cc:* <ramona.fricke@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Sat, 17 Mar 2012 18:56:58 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120318015658.90290106137@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

ramona fricke

corvallis, OR 97330

- **Follow-Ups:**
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 - *From:* mayor
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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <philpottms@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sat, 17 Mar 2012 15:42:39 -0700
- *Cc:* <philpottms@xxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Sat, 17 Mar 2012 15:43:15 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120317224315.77EAD119AF5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Mayor Manning,

I recently became aware that Corvallis is considering three ways to decrease litter and increase recycling in our town: banning bags, taxing bags, or creating a public education program about recycling.

Only one of these options could encourage Corvallis to recycle all our paper and plastic goods, not just bags. That's why I support the public education program and why I oppose taxes and bans on bags. I encourage the Council to also consider working with Allied Waste to make recycling of plastic bags easier for citizens, which I believe would result in recycling a much larger percentage of plastic bags and reduce the number that end up in the Coffin Butte landfill.

I hope you'll oppose bans and taxes, and instead support the real solution to litter: recycling. By creating a public education program and making recycling of bags easier, you could make Corvallis a statewide leader in recycling.

Sincerely,

Matthew Philpott

Corvallis, OR 97333

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 - *From:* mayor
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Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <ken608@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sat, 17 Mar 2012 12:21:51 -0700
- *Cc:* <ken608@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Sat, 17 Mar 2012 12:22:24 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120317192224.EF3B31197C3@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Mayor Manning,

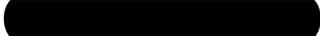
It is my understanding that Corvallis is considering methods to decrease litter and increase recycling in our town: banning bags, taxing bags, or creating a public education program about recycling.

Only one of these options would not threaten Oregon jobs or place additional tax burdens on Corvallis families, and might actually have a chance of helping decrease littering and encourage recycling. That same option might also encourage Corvallis to recycle all metal, paper and plastics, not just bags. That's why I would support a public education program and why I strongly oppose taxes and bans on my bags.

Please stop trying to regulate our lives! Oppose bans and taxes, and instead support the real solution to litter: recycling.

Sincerely,

Kenneth McCracken



Corvallis, OR 97330

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <estela.thomann01@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sat, 17 Mar 2012 10:35:52 -0700
- *Cc:* <estela.thomann01@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Sat, 17 Mar 2012 10:36:27 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120317173627.7804A11950B@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Estela Thomann

Corvallis, OR 97330

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <joyce_elle@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sat, 17 Mar 2012 00:30:40 -0700
- *Cc:* <joyce_elle@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Sat, 17 Mar 2012 00:31:14 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120317073114.AE6C6118E4E@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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joyce Elle

corvallis, OR 97330

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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* Javier Fernandez <xavi_69@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sat, 17 Mar 2012 22:52:12 -0400 (EDT)
- *Reply-to:* xavi_69@xxxxxxxxxxx

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Javier Fernandez

Corvallis, OR 97330

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <MutantPop@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sat, 17 Mar 2012 20:07:46 -0700
- *Cc:* <MutantPop@xxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Sat, 17 Mar 2012 20:08:19 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120318030819.45A3111A018@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Mayor Manning,

I am a Corvallis business owner. The recent campaign to ban plastic bags in town places a burden both upon retailers like us and those consumers who do NEED plastic bags during rainy weather.

No plastic bags will discourage shopping in inclement weather, plain and simple.

Actual use of plastic bags at our store has fallen by somewhere between 50% and 75% over the past 5 years. Did anybody bother to study actual usage trends? Or are we being moved by a handful of bored Saturday market goofballs that like dressing up like a bag monster.

The actual waste produced through plastic bags is negligible in terms of mass, and that could be further reduced through recycling.

Sincerely,

Tim Davenport c/o The Shoe Hutch
251 SW Madison
Corvallis, OR 97333

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Sincerely,

Sharon Leitzke

Corvallis, OR 97333

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Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <jaredwithrow@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sun, 18 Mar 2012 21:36:40 -0700
- *Cc:* <jaredwithrow@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Sun, 18 Mar 2012 21:37:13 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
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Jared Withrow
[Redacted]
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 - *From:* mayor
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Yes to Bag Ban & Integrity

- *To:* Jeanne Raymond <ward7@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Richard Hervey <ward3@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Mark O'Brien" <ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Bill Traber <ward8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Julie Manning <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Hal Brauner <ward9@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Dan Brown <ward4@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Mike Beilstein <ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Roen Hogg <ward2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Joel Hirsch <ward6@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
 - *Subject:* Yes to Bag Ban & Integrity
 - *From:* Ralph Penunuri <ralarts06@xxxxxxx>
 - *Date:* Sun, 18 Mar 2012 16:06:08 -0700
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Hon. Corvallis Mayor & Council,

I reiterate my strong support for our all our citizenry and our environment — through the Corvallis City Council's original request of the Administrative Services Committee to develop a plan to reduce the use of plastic bags in the Corvallis area, through a retail plastic bag ban.

Our city's distinction as a recognized progressive leader in sustainability and live-ability through reasoned and objective planning and application will be severely compromised if we can be so publicly bullied by aggressive out-of-state corporate interests, such as Helix Poly, who share neither our vision nor our integrity. Whatever obfuscation and adversity these profit and waste based interests throw at us, we can know that current operating bag bans have worked well and are sustainable — if we have the will, fortitude and integrity of purpose and vision.

Corvallis' sustainability goals and our distinctive reputation are sorely on the line with this issue. Yes, please do the right thing and represent our local interest above corporate profits and waste. This is a small, yet very significant step towards sustainability for Corvallis, our region and the planet.

Do not let your love of wisdom and reason be eroded through opposing tactics of greed, fear and complicated **ignorance**. It is past-time to ban the bag now!

Sincerely,

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Ralph Penunuri

Corvallis, OR 97333

"As people who want to live a good, full, unrestricted, adventurous, real kind of life, there is a concrete instruction we can follow: see what is. When you catch yourself grasping at beliefs or thoughts, just see what is." — Pema Chodron

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Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* Kristen Milligan <milligan.kristen@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Mon, 19 Mar 2012 17:40:39 -0400 (EDT)
- *Reply-to:* milligan.kristen@xxxxxxxx

I write to express my strong support of the council's original request of the Administrative Services Committee to develop a plan to reduce the use of plastic checkout bags in the city of Corvallis. A policy that would prohibit single-use plastic checkout bags at retail establishments throughout the City is the most effective means of reaching this goal which I strongly support.

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The economic and natural resource impacts of single-use bag pollution in inland and coastal communities throughout the state is alarming, yet eliminating this simple luxury of convenience can be a positive and simple step in sustainability. I'm also reminded of our state's historical leadership in being stewards of Oregon jobs and the environment through such acts as the Beach Bill and the Bottle Bill. Today, we are again presented with such an opportunity to be leaders by eliminating single-use plastic bags and I ask for your support on a local effort to ban plastic bags and keep the goal of "reducing the use" within a local context, not one of corporate interests. A vote against a plastic bag ban is to support out of state businesses over ensuring Oregonians retain jobs, clean beaches and the environment that makes our state a leader.

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Corvallis, OR 97333

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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* Mark Albins <kamokoi@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Mon, 19 Mar 2012 21:38:37 -0400 (EDT)
- *Reply-to:* kamokoi@xxxxxxxx

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Corvallis, OR 97330

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <klpete56@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Mon, 19 Mar 2012 00:58:05 -0700
- *Cc:* <klpete56@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Mon, 19 Mar 2012 00:58:37 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120319075837.9279211ABF8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Corvallis, OR 97330

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <mblanchardrealty@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Tue, 20 Mar 2012 10:12:50 -0700
- *Cc:* <mblanchardrealty@xxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Tue, 20 Mar 2012 10:13:27 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
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marlene blanchard

corvallis, OR 97333

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"Bag It" - A must see free film Fri, Mar. 23, 7-9 pm, Corvallis Library

- To: "Mark O'Brien" <ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Subject: "Bag It" - A must see free film Fri, Mar. 23, 7-9 pm, Corvallis Library
- From: "Debra Higbee-Sudyka" <dwhigbe@xxxxxxx>
- Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2012 22:29:11 -0700

Dear Councilor O'Brien,

The movie "Bag It" is showing this Friday at 7:00 PM at the Corvallis Library. It's a good over-view of the plastic bag issue. We would love to have you join us.

Thanks,
Debra Higbee-Sudyka

Is Your Life Too Plastic?



Bag It

Americans use 60,000 plastic bags every five minutes—single-use disposable bags that we mindlessly throw away. But where is “away?” Where do the bags and other plastics end up, and at what cost to our environment, marine life and human health? *Bag It* follows “everyman” Jeb Berrier as he navigates our plastic world.

Jeb is not a radical environmentalist, but an average American who decides to take a closer look at our cultural love affair with plastics. Jeb’s journey in this documentary film starts with simple questions: Are plastic bags really necessary? What are plastic bags made from? What happens to plastic bags after they are discarded?

When Jeb's journey takes a personal twist, we see how our crazy-for-plastic world has finally caught up with us and what we can do about it. Today. Right now.

- What:** Free Showing of the movie *Bag It*
- When:** Friday, March 23rd
- Where:** Corvallis Library, 645 NW Monroe Avenue, Corvallis
- Time:** 7:00 - 9:00 PM



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March 21, 2012

To whom it may concern,

EcNow Tech is a Corvallis based company which develops and manufactures environmentally friendly, plant based, plastic products. EcNow Tech has followed the proposed ordinance to eliminate single use plastic bags used in grocery stores and would like to present the following perspectives on the proposed ban:

The carbon footprint on a single use petroleum bag is significant given the fact that a non-renewable resource, oil, must be pumped from the ground, shipped long distances before it is converted to plastic pellets and finally a single use bag. The final resting place for many of the bags is a landfill where they are entombed for thousands of years or as litter on the ground or waterways.

EcNow Tech supports changing the current process which has a large carbon footprint and utilizes a non-renewable resource. Of the options being considered we would have the following opinion:

Recycling of existing bags:

Recycling is a valid proposal only if the collection rate is acceptable and if the materials are truly recycled and converted to useful products with as small a carbon footprint as possible. We would urge the community to understand the facts and the reality of how many bags could truly be re-claimed for recycling versus the amount which would still go to the landfill or end up as litter. Once the bags are collected what is the process for recycling? Do the bags have to be shipped long distances to the east coast for re-pelletizing and re-manufacture? Is there truly a market for the recycled material and can it be re-processed into more bags? Does this increase the carbon footprint because of the long shipment path and does it even make business sense? If it does not make business sense then the collected materials will be simply sent to a landfill.

Replacing single use bags with re-useable bags:

Grocery store bags do not comprise a portion of EcNow Tech's business today. EcNow Tech would support the re-usable bag effort for grocery stores, although it is our belief that some segment of customers/business owners (shop keepers and restaurants) will always request the convenience of a single use take-out bag.

EcNow Tech's vision for the future:

The plant based polymer industry is in its infancy. It sits where the petroleum plastics industry was fifty years ago. EcNow Tech, Oregon State University and Corvallis could potentially be a center for biopolymer material and product development. EcNow Tech would request that the Corvallis City Council and community support efforts which focus on sustainability, lowest carbon footprint and a community based approach to business.

EcNow Tech is working on some exciting material developments which could enable products made from bio-polymers which are denser than sea water and break down anaerobically (not in the presence of oxygen) in the sediments at the bottom of a waterway or ocean. This is important to single use bags as potentially a bag could be developed in the future which is plant based and is composted or recycled locally into new bags. In the event that bag went to a landfill or a waterway it would break down with anaerobic bacteria in years versus thousands of years. It is not a solution EcNow Tech could offer today, but is a possibility for the future. EcNow Tech is also actively working Oregon State students and faculty to develop biopolymers of the future.

In conclusion, EcNow Tech supports the elimination of petroleum based, single use bags from grocery stores. We urge the community and city council to ensure that all the facts are available regarding whether a truly effective recycling strategy can be developed. A poorly devised recycling plan may not solve the problem and could create new problems. Replacing petroleum plastic bags with paper bags appears to be shifting the problem and is not a true solution in EcNow Tech's opinion. We support the use of replaceable bags in grocery outlets with the caveat that our customers (shop keepers and restaurants) will continue to insist on using single use bags. EcNow Tech believes that the single use bags should be plant based and compostable for all non-grocery applications but we do support consumers who choose to use re-useable bags.

Chris Vitello

President
EcNow Tech
Corvallis, Oregon

Solid reasons not
to Ban Plastic Bags.

Bruce Harmon, President, Harmon Communications
March 21, 2012

March 21, 2012

Why is the council even considering banning or limiting plastic bags?

—*This is bad idea with no scientific basis and no measurable environmental benefit.*

As a long-time citizen of Corvallis, I became concerned with what appears to be a poorly informed decision that will only serve to burden shoppers and add to the already rising cost of purchasing food and merchandise.

I, as do nearly everyone I know in this city find plastic bags **extremely convenient, multi-use and sanitary**. We see fundamental flaws in the idea of any ban of plastic bags.

First, This is about consumer freedom — Please do not take away, tax or otherwise diminish this amazingly useful, nearly sterile item that actually makes our lives easier and safer. Let us consumers choose how we shop, not the City Council. Furthermore, is it really the role of government to take away convenient, safe and useful items that people want and use?

Second, Chapter 2 (Powers), Section 4 of the Corvallis city Charter says, in part, that the City has “*Responsibility to All People. The City shall exercise its power to ensure the equal protection, treatment, and representation of all persons without discrimination including, but not limited to, age, ... physical disability, ... and source or level of income. Corvallis... honors ... diverse interests....*”

Banning plastic bags conflicts with these parts of the charter, in that elderly, poor and disabled people find plastic bags more manageable and easy to use because of their lightweight, strength and convenient carry handles.

Third, The overall market in Corvallis already effectively addresses consumer use of bags. For example, some stores provide plastic bags (e.g. Safeway, Albertson’s) while others provide paper bags, (e.g. Trader Joe’s, Market of Choice) while still others offer both to their customers (e.g. Bi-Mart). All of the retail and grocery stores we have surveyed in Corvallis offer and promote the use of non-plastic “tote” bags. So why is this issue even being considered by Council?

Fourth, Plastic bags make up a miniscule portion of discarded debris. Banning them or any other disposable item in Corvallis would have virtually zero effect on the environment. So we should try to educate the public about recycling plastic bags and other disposable materials, just as everyone has been doing at an increasing rate for years.

Finally, here are scientific and well-researched facts from these and other sources:

- The American Progressive Bag Alliance
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Bagtheban.com
- eHow.com
- Bankrate.com
- Donna Dempsey, Washington D.C., an expert on the use, recycling and disposal of plastic bags

1. Plastic bags are not “single use” — 90% of Americans reuse their plastic bags for pet litter, protection from rain, bicycle seat protection, food storage, trash can liners, etc.

2. They are inexpensive, very useful and made in the United States.
3. Plastic grocery bags are polyethylene, most are made from 75% natural gas and 25% recycled bags.
4. Plastic grocery bags make up less than 0.5% of the solid waste stream
5. Much is already being done about plastic bags. They are 100% recyclable; one company, for example, Hilex Poly, has over 30,000 recycling points in the U.S.
6. Nationwide, 14.7% of bags and wraps were recycled in 2010 – that’s 971 million lbs, up 60% from 2005.
7. It takes 91% less energy to recycle a pound of plastic than to recycle a pound of paper.
8. For every 7 trucks needed to deliver paper bags, only 1 truck is needed for plastic bags. (Energy savings)
9. 100% of plastic bags can be made into a multitude of useful new products: such as building products, fencing, decking, pipe, playground equipment and new bags.
10. **Multi-use grocery “Tote” bags also carry lots of things that can make us sick, including dangerous eColi, other bacteria, and lead.** For example, half of randomly sampled tote bags were found to have toxins, such as lead and bacteria, above safe levels by 300%.
11. Storing tote bags in the trunk of your car helps bacteria grow rapidly.
12. Tote bags are usually polypropylene, not made in US, but made overseas from oil.
13. These “multi-use” tote bags also go to the landfill and are not easily recycled.
14. Plastic film and bags protect our food from external contaminants such as germs and harmful bacteria, and keep food fresh.

Submitted by Bruce Harmon, president, Harmon Communications, 541-754-7613

MYTHS and FACTS about plastic grocery bags

Myth: Paper grocery bags are a better environmental choice than plastic bags.

Fact: Plastic bags are 100% recyclable and for all environmental impacts related to air emissions, water emissions and solid waste:

- Plastic bags use 40% less energy to produce and generate 80% less solid waste than paper.
- Paper bags generate 70% more emissions, and 50 times more water pollutants than plastic bags.
- Even paper bags made from 100% recycled fiber use more fossil fuels than plastic bags.

Myth: Plastic bags are the largest component of landfills and the primary component of litter.

Fact: The most common item in landfills is paper—on average, it accounts for more than 40% of a landfill's contents. Cigarette butts, chewing gum, and candy wrappers account for about 95% of all litter in the English-speaking world. Plastic bag aren't even listed in the top 20.

Myth: Plastic grocery bags take 1,000 years to decompose in landfills.

Fact: Virtually nothing—even compostable or biodegradable products—decompose in today's landfills, because they are actually designed to be as stable and dry as possible. Research by William Rathje, a fellow at the Archaeology Center of Stanford University and director of The Garbage Project, shows that paper bags don't degrade any faster than plastic bags. Paper bags are many times bulkier than plastic, so they fill up more landfill space," Rathje says.

Myth: Plastic bags feed America's addiction to oil.

Fact: They are usually made from natural gas and are very energy-efficient to manufacture.

Myth: Compostable bags can degrade in backyard composts.

Fact: In order to breakdown, compostable bags must be sent to an industrial composting facility, not backyard piles or municipal composting centers. There are few of these facilities in the U.S.

Myth: For people who live near water, paper bags are the environmentally friendly choice to protect marine wildlife.

Fact: The manufacture of plastic bags release 94 percent less pollution into the water and 70 percent less air pollution than the manufacture of paper bags. Recycling and proper disposal of all products makes sure that any threat to the environment, including wildlife, is be reduced.

Myth: According to The New York Times, only 5.2 % of plastic bags in the US were recycled in 2005, and according to Worldwatch, only 0.6 percent of plastic bags are recycled nationwide.

Fact: Recycling is significant and growing. Nationwide, 14.7% of bags and wraps were recycled in 2010 – that's 971 million lbs, up 60% from 2005.

Myth: Recycling of plastic bags is too expensive.

Fact: The price of not recycling them is high. Recycling helps save resources and minimize the amount of waste going our landfill. Its worth noting that it takes 91% less energy to recycle a pound of plastic than it takes to recycle a pound of paper.

Myth: There's no demand for recycled plastic.

Fact: Today there is a growing market for recycled plastic that didn't exist 15 years ago. It's also cheaper now to use recycled plastic than to obtain new materials. Recycled plastic grocery and shopping bags are currently being made into new consumer products such as clean new plastic shopping bags, outdoor decking, playground equipment, pipe and many other products.

Myth: There is a Texas-sized garbage patch in the ocean.

Fact: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has examined and identified garbage in the oceans. There is no garbage patch in ocean the size of Texas. The amount of plastic is difficult to measure or predict and cannot be seen by satellite.

*From the Progressive Bag Alliance and my own research:
Bruce Harmon, Corvallis, Oregon*

Litter? Is that really a problem anywhere in 2011 America?

Though Heal the Bay and other green groups claim that plastic bags are among the “sea’s most insidious pollutants,” *The Times* (UK) exposed that myth in the March 2008 article, “Series of blunders turned the plastic bag into global villain.” The article reads:

Scientists and environmentalists have attacked a global campaign to ban plastic bags which they say is based on flawed science and exaggerated claims.

The widely stated accusation that the bags kill 100,000 animals and a million seabirds every year are false, experts have told *The Times*. They pose only a minimal threat to most marine species, including seals, whales, dolphins and seabirds...

Campaigners say that plastic bags pollute coastlines and waterways, killing or injuring birds and livestock on land and, in the oceans, destroying vast numbers of seabirds, seals, turtles and whales. However, *The Times* has established that there is no scientific evidence to show that the bags pose any direct threat to marine mammals.

They “don’t figure” in the majority of cases where animals die from marine debris, said David Laist, the author of a seminal 1997 study on the subject. Most deaths were caused when creatures became caught up in waste produce. “Plastic bags don’t figure in entanglement,” he said. “The main culprits are fishing gear, ropes, lines and strapping bands. Most mammals are too big to get caught up in a plastic bag.”

He added: “The impact of bags on whales, dolphins, porpoises and seals ranges from nil for most species to very minor for perhaps a few species. For birds, plastic bags are not a problem either.”

The central claim of campaigners is that the bags kill more than 100,000 marine mammals and one million seabirds every year. However, this figure is based on a misinterpretation of a 1987 Canadian study in Newfoundland, which found that, between 1981 and 1984, more than 100,000 marine mammals, including birds, were killed by discarded nets. The Canadian study did not mention plastic bags.

Fifteen years later in 2002, when the Australian Government commissioned a report into the effects of plastic bags, its authors misquoted the Newfoundland study, mistakenly attributing the deaths to “plastic bags”.

The figure was latched on to by conservationists as proof that the bags were killers. For four years the “typo” remained uncorrected. It was only in 2006 that the authors altered the report, replacing “plastic bags” with “plastic debris”. But they admitted: “The actual numbers of animals killed annually by plastic bag litter is nearly impossible to determine.”

In a postscript to the correction they admitted that the original Canadian study had referred to fishing tackle, not plastic debris, as the threat to the marine environment.

Regardless, the erroneous claim has become the keystone of a widening campaign to demonise plastic bags.

David Santillo, a marine biologist at Greenpeace, told *The Times* that bad science was undermining the Government’s case for banning the bags. “It’s very unlikely that many animals are killed by plastic bags,” he said. “The evidence shows just the opposite. We are not going to solve the problem of waste by focusing on plastic bags.

“It doesn’t do the Government’s case any favours if you’ve got statements being made that aren’t supported by the scientific literature that’s out there. With larger mammals it’s fishing gear that’s the big problem. On a global basis plastic bags aren’t an issue. It would be great if statements like these weren’t made.”

Geoffrey Cox, a Tory member of the Commons Environment Select Committee, said: “I don’t like plastic bags and I certainly support restricting their use, but plainly it’s extremely important that before we take any steps we should rely on accurate information. It is bizarre that any campaign should be endorsed on the basis of a mistranslation. Gordon Brown should get his facts right.”

The Irish Bag Tax: Early Case Study Exposes Misguided Policy

In March 2002, the Republic of Ireland instituted a tax on plastic bags in which retailers charged their customers 15 Euro cents (about 17 U.S. cents) for every shopping bag purchased. Now four years later, the Irish bag tax, which was supposedly passed in an effort to curb litter, has actually proved to be a disaster on several fronts. Unfortunately, it was hailed by environmentalists and others and quickly spawned the consideration of similar legislation by governments in Australia, Bangladesh, South Africa, and the United States. Scotland is currently considering a tax on retail plastic bags, but the Scottish Parliament's environmental committee rejected the idea as unworkable in October 2006. A full parliamentary decision on the policy is anticipated by 2007.

The four-year experience of Ireland's bag tax has shown that the policy is not only worse for the environment, but causes other social problems as well:

- Where customers have been driven to use paper bags, it is now common for double or triple-bagging to take place to overcome the inferior strength of paper compared with plastic. This means, at least twice the numbers of paper bags are being used than plastic bags had been used. This leads to huge increases in the number of shipments and truckloads needed to transport paper bags.
- There is also clear evidence in Ireland of a switch to paper bag substitutes which consume eight times the raw material, three times the energy, create twice the levels of air pollution, waste fifty times as much process water, have six times the weight and ten times the volume.
- The Irish bag tax has caused a switch to heavier, bulkier alternatives which will degrade or decompose to produce greenhouse gases.
- There is no evidence offered (unsurprisingly given the fact that plastic carrier bags are less than 1% of litter) that litter has reduced in the Republic of Ireland since the introduction of a plastic bag tax.
- The Irish bag tax actually has invited more shoplifting to occur. Because plastic bags are normally only offered and used during or after payment has been received, it provides the most effective visual evidence of payment for goods. In Ireland, where customers were driven to bring their own shopping bags into stores, this has made the theft of goods from the shelf far easier as well as costing every small grocery shop in Ireland an average of 5,400 Euros per annum in stolen and/or abandoned wire baskets and trolleys (metal containers).
- These metal containers have far greater environmental impacts during production, shipment, eventual disposal, etc. and are a far greater visual problem when abandoned into the local environment than plastic bags.
- Research shows that since the bag tax was introduced in Ireland, there has been little significant reduction (if at all) in the tonnage of plastic bags of all types used in that country.

Experience in the Republic of Ireland indicates that the usage of plastic carrier bags has declined by in excess of 90% - but the residual funds (est. 10 million Euros) generated by the remaining 10% of those prepared to pay for carrier bags is estimated to be far less than the cost borne by the authorities in administering the program and is certainly less than the increased cost of theft to retailers as stated by RGDATA (Irish Grocers' Association) and in other published reports.

Encourage plastic recycling – in combined recycling pickup each week.

Commentary: Banning plastic bags means bruised groceries

By Yunqing Chen

Silicon Valley Community Newspapers Posted: 03/01/2012 08:04:03 PM PST

Since plastic bags have been banned in local supermarkets, I've been returning home with bruised groceries in even more bruised bags. I'm not alone; most of my friends and their parents have been adjusting poorly to coming home with shaky armfuls instead of bagfuls of groceries.

While conserving the environment should be paramount to being inconvenienced, I can't help but think there's a better option, especially considering the holes in this one.

The plastic bag ban states that in San Jose retail stores, single-use plastic bags are not provided, but customers can pay 10 cents extra per paper bag or go bagless. This, ideally, should push customers to use reusable bags, but as testament to the human condition, I am too lazy and resort to lugging my groceries through the back door.

What's really unfortunate about this situation is the fact that this ill-timed government intervention has little standing on reducing littering. More prevalent than a couple stray plastic bags are litter like newspapers and fast-food joint packaging. Plastic bags make up such a negligible amount of the littering problem, and banning them causes troublesome inconveniences that could be remedied if environmentalists targeted their intentions toward a problem more deserving of their attention.

Furthermore, the other option--paper bags--has been protested in the past by environmentalists in favor of saving trees. With the plastic bag ban, not only are customers being inconvenienced, but the "viable," government-supported option of using paper bags is equally environmentally detrimental.

The long-term benefits of banning plastic bags, whatever they may be, do not take into account the inevitable shortcomings that come from paper bags, and a lack of action taken to prevent more important litter and landfill problems.

Nearly everybody I know reuses plastic bags as garbage bags, lunch sacks, for cleaning up after their dogs, etc.--the list goes on and on. What this law represents to me is legislature for the sake of legislature--a bigger government intervention just because.

This law does not make anyone's life easier. Similar to banking companies that charge extra for using the ATM, or media-streaming companies that charge extra for the same service, this ban provides no net improvement.

If the problem targeted is littering, then it is those laws that should be enforced. I notice that when I go shopping, the only consistency is the overflowing trash bin. In order to prevent littering, the current laws should be more strictly enforced, requiring trash bins to be maintained regularly and kept clean at all times. Singling out one item and addressing only said item is a perfect way to circumvent the real issue.

The decisionmakers behind this one should be focusing on more effective ways to increase public safety, lower crime rates and fix the budget, not banning plastic bags at the supermarket.

Yunqing Chen is a junior at Lynbrook High School.

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Sincerely,

natasha lang

corvallis, OR 97333

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P.S. In today's economy, the last thing we need to do is hurt people by adding additional taxes or limiting their choices. I believe Corvallis can become a leader in recycling and that will make a difference without making things more difficult for the citizens of Corvallis. Please encourage recycling!

Sincerely,

Michael Kempton


Corvallis, OR 97333

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Mayor Manning,

These Bag the Ban people are obviously high-paid lobbyists for the plastic industry and have no idea about nor care for our environment. They are also using underhanded tactics by rephrasing the Ban the Bag efforts and attempting to confuse voters by using the same words in a different order.

Stating that a 25 cent tax on using bags is a "heavy burden" is ridiculous and irresponsible. One need only look at Ireland and the results they have had from this tax to see amazing results (not to mention how reusable bags have become all the fashion rage).

Please disregard anyone from "Bag the Ban" and continue in your efforts to ban plastic bags. I fully support banning plastic bags!

Sincerely,

Michelle Mahoney

Corvallis, OR 97333

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Sincerely,

Joseph Ivers


Corvallis, OR 97330

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Jeremy Campbell

Corvallis, OR 97333

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- *From:* Wendy@xxxxxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Mon, 26 Mar 2012 12:45:38 -0700
- *Reply-to:* <Wendy@xxxxxxxxxxx>

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:

Wendy Peterman

Wendy@xxxxxxxxxxx

prefer phone contact: no

Hello, nearly two years ago, I wrote all of the city officials about proposing a plastic bag ban in Corvallis. The mayor shot it down, but some council members were in favor, and the movement has gotten some momentum, but still, no action. Now, I'm writing you from the Planet Under Pressure conference in London, and I have to say that I'm amazed, dismayed, bemused that this is such a difficult task in a place like Corvallis. In the town where I grew up, Walmart instigated the bag ban, charging people 50 cents for a reusable bag, if they forgot theirs, and not too long after, the town and then the entire county banned the use of plastic bags. I know stores may be resistant, but as a representative from Shell oil showed at our conference today, industry will not voluntarily act responsibly, if there is profit in the way they are doing things. A speaker at our conference today, in response to a question about how to get the US to shoulder some responsibility for pollution, said that at our government is highly disappointing in this area and not likely to change, but as people, we do care and will take action at the local level, and then there will be change here. So, I'm trying again, at the local level, to get this town to stand up against petroleum, plastic and grocery companies, and say, "No. Not in our town. We protect our children, our coasts, our fish, and we don't condone the wasteful use of plastic bags in our community." Wendy Peterman, [REDACTED] Corvallis, OR 97330

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Lance Gallagher

Corvallis, OR 97330

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Felicia Mallette


Keizer, OR 97303

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David Williams

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The ban on plastic bags is long overdue in this nation. These bags do not degrade in landfills, they are found floating in every waterway, lake, pond and in the oceans of the world, they have been the primary cause of death of Dolphins and other sea life that feeds of them seeing them as jelly-fish. The laudable goal of education is great and a failure, and the ban would not cost a single job. WE MUST GET SERIOUS, not silly, the oil and chemical companies are supporting the "re-cycle" option because that assures their continued income. DON'T be bought.

BAN PLASTIC BAGS AND CLEAN UP OUR ENVIRONMENT NOW.

Please do not be swayed by these skills that are promoting the recycling, it works on some products and materials, NOT on plastic bags as study after study in California revealed.

Sincerely,

JG McAllister

Corvallis, OR 97330

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Charles Aitken

Corvallis, OR 97330

- **Follow-Ups:**
 - **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
 - *From:* mayor
- Prev by Date: **The Student Sustainability Initiative is Hiring a New Director (STUDENT POSITION)**



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Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <shortiandi2@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 28 Mar 2012 13:46:18 -0700
- *Cc:* <shortiandi2@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Wed, 28 Mar 2012 13:46:55 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120328204655.D95C012F75E@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Andrea Barry



Corvallis, OR 97330

- **Follow-Ups:**
 - **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
 - *From:* mayor
- Prev by Date: **RE: <web>Sin Tax**
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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <ranmel@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 28 Mar 2012 20:40:11 -0700
- *Cc:* <ranmel@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Wed, 28 Mar 2012 20:40:42 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120329034042.9572A12F4B0@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Melissa McCool
[Redacted]
Selah, WA 98942

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 - **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
 - *From:* mayor
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Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!

- *To:* Ward2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- *From:* Kenneth Symonds <kennysymonds@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 28 Mar 2012 17:20:17 -0500 (CDT)
- *Organization:* Sierra Club
- *Reply-to:* Kenneth Symonds <kennysymonds@xxxxxxxx>

Mar 28, 2012

Council Member Roen Hogg
OR

Dear Council Member Hogg,

I write to express my strong support of the Corvallis ordinance that bans single use plastic checkout bags.

Already, more than 50 downtown Corvallis businesses, and thousands of Corvallis citizens support this effort. All we need is City action. Banning plastic bags best addresses the problems of single-use plastic bag waste, and most effectively moves consumers to sustainable alternatives.

Our dependence on single-use plastic products has devastating effects on the environment. From the Great Pacific Garbage Patch to the thousands of marine animals who die each year, plastic bags are contributing to environmental damage to our ocean systems. There is no reason something we use for a few minutes should last a few hundred years.

Corvallis is known for its environmental standards nationwide, and has received numerous awards. Passing a ban here will have a positive impact. Of the bag bans in effect in the US, none have demonstrably hurt consumers or local business, but they have saved consumers, cities, and businesses the expenses incurred from dealing with these products.

Corvallis has the chance to set an example for other communities, and lay the groundwork for a statewide solution in 2013. Please ban single use plastic checkout bags here in Corvallis.

Sincerely,

Mr. Kenneth Symonds

[Redacted]

Portland, OR 97232-1961

[Redacted]



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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <BarbBang@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 28 Mar 2012 13:10:15 -0700
- *Cc:* <BarbBang@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Wed, 28 Mar 2012 13:10:52 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120328201052.279F74F3D9A@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Mayor Manning,

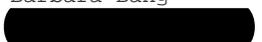
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Sincerely,

Barbara Bang

Corvallis, OR 97333

- **Follow-Ups:**
 - **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
 - *From:* mayor

- Prev by Date: [Green Roofs Revisited](#)
- Next by Date: [RE: <web>Sin Tax](#)

Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
 - Subject: Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
 - From: "imprintsjgm@xxxxxxxx" <imprintsjgm@xxxxxxxx>
 - Date: Thu, 29 Mar 2012 20:16:14 -0700
-

Dear Mayor Manning:

I am getting pretty old and have lived in some of the most progressive (Carmel & SF CA) places in this nation and some of the most regressive and oppressive (Salt Lake City, Utah and other cities in that theocracy). We moved, upon my retirement from legal practice and from the military (JAGC, yes a liberal in the military), by choice. Corvallis has the reputation in the West as one of the most thoughtful and progressive communities in the West.

That said, the petition letter that was sent to me was one clearly (after doing some research) prepared by a chem/coal/petroleum industry organization that has been fighting the ban of plastic bags and other such materials in the US and Europe for years.

I hope that you, as Mayor, and that the rest of the council will note that my letter was not one of their form letters but one I drafted reflecting what is truly the position taken by every environmentally concerned governmental entity that has addressed this issue over the past several decades. These bags not only do not decompose, when they get into waterways, lakes and, worst of all, the oceans, they kill wildlife.

If you have read about porpoise, dolphin and beluga whale beachings (which until about 10 yrs ago was a 'mystery') Marine biologists have determined that the vast majority of such events were due to these mammals ingesting plastic bags. It seems that one of the items on the diets of these 'sentient' animals is jelly-fish. The bags, when floating in the ocean, resemble such food sources but when ingested they block the intestines and the animals die.

Do the right thing NOW. **BAN THESE ECOLOGICALLY DISASTEROUS BAGS.** To do less than ban these bags is to do the bidding of the chem industry and its money.

Please note: I am a member of MoveOn, moreover, my family and all of my friends in the area vote and are active. If you have any questions, call: 

Sincerely,

J. Garry McAllister
Maj. JAGC, USA, Ret.. Esq.

Janamarie McAllister
Taryn McAllister
Ian McAllister
Chris Matson
plus others

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <heidif68@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 29 Mar 2012 11:52:43 -0700
- *Cc:* <heidif68@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Thu, 29 Mar 2012 11:53:18 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120329185318.DA66B130FB6@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Heidi Fuchs


corvallis, OR 97333

- **Follow-Ups:**
 - **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
 - *From:* mayor
- Prev by Date: **Quality Schools for Our Children**
- Next by Date: **Mandatory e-waste recycling, scale of the universe**

From: Lisa Bennett [mailto:lisapolly2001@]
Sent: Friday, March 30, 2012 10:52 AM
To: Public Works
Subject: plastic bag comments

Banning the use of plastic bags is a terrible idea. Things the City should consider:

1. Plastic bags are not truly "one time use." Most households reuse the bags for all sorts of things, such as trash can liners, carrying lunch to work, etc. I never throw bags away without reusing them (unless they are soiled from the groceries).
2. As a mother, it is incredibly difficult to manage groceries in paper sacks, while carrying a young child.
3. People with disabilities also find plastic bags to be more usable. The committee needs to consider the fact that it is effectively discrimination by eliminating this choice for people who are unable to physically get around well. I have friends and family who would be significantly affected by this.
4. Reusable grocery bags have incredible amounts of harmful bacteria. Please do some research on the data that is out there. I do not wish to expose my family to this, especially children and older adults with weakened immune systems.
5. *Education to those who may not reuse or recycle is a much better option.*
6. Charging a fee should not be an option.

Sincerely,

Lisa Bennett
Corvallis Resident



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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <jct5532@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Fri, 30 Mar 2012 08:36:50 -0700
- *Cc:* <jct5532@xxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Fri, 30 Mar 2012 08:37:25 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120330153725.AC5E1134BAA@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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John Todd

Corvallis, OR 97333

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 - **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
 - *From:* mayor
- Prev by Date: **Recharge! Retreat Application Extended**
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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <garym113@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sat, 31 Mar 2012 12:54:21 -0700
- *Cc:* <garym113@xxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Sat, 31 Mar 2012 12:54:54 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120331195454.B1D8D1390AB@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Gary Moe


Corvallis, OR 97330

- **Follow-Ups:**
 - **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
 - *From:* mayor
- Prev by Date: **Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
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<web>Does the Mayor, Council and Staff think we are THAT stupid?

- *To:* mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* <web>Does the Mayor, Council and Staff think we are THAT stupid?
- *From:* noreply@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Sat, 31 Mar 2012 08:24:23 -0700
- *Reply-to:* <noreply@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:

Watch Dog

none

prefer phone contact: no

Please also circulate to all Councilmembers and the City Manager:

From the plastic bag web page:

"For the ASC meeting on February 22, 2012, staff presented work to date and sought input from the Committee. The Committee agreed with stakeholders from Meeting 2 that retailer and citizen surveys would serve as appropriate methods to gather input from the community on the issue."

Let's see just how stupid that statement is by rephrasing it in a way that someone of normal intelligence should be able to get just how stupid it is: This is claiming that a non-random, self-selecting web survey, that one has to link through several pages to even find, (and I found by chance looking for something else), is an "appropriate method to gather input from the community on the issue."

Does that really sound like an intelligent statement for any of the City's representatives to be making?

The first question is whether most of you are so dumb as to think we in the community are dumb enough to read inane BS like that and think you people are competent to lead? Just what is the matter with you that you think it is appropriate to be so insulting?

The second question is why aren't the Council and Mayor aren't doing a better job of managing the new City Manager and the staff? At the very least reminding them that insulting the public's intelligence like this is not acceptable behavior?

Or is everybody on that side of the website being given too much credit? Maybe there aren't enough brains and integrity on that side to even realize you are being insulting?

The fact the time was taken to send this should be recognized as proof I'm not assuming that. But the proof about your side is whether the survey and webpage are scrapped, staff publicly reprimanded, and, most importantly, the anti-social, anti-plastic bag nutjobs publicly admonished for their arrogant, childish, and disrespectful behavior towards their fellow citizens.

-----Original Message-----

From: William Elliot [mailto:marsh@]

Sent: Saturday, March 31, 2012 2:36 AM

To: Public Works

Subject: Don't Ban Plastic Bags

I am not in favor of a ban on plastic bags.

Efforts regarding the nuisances of plastic bags should be used to have stores that provide them, accept clean, empty bags for recycling and to get Americans to stop throwing so much stuff away.

I favor plastic bags because it's easy to put one or two into a pocket for shopping instead of carrying around bulky cloth or paper bags. One way to train Americans to bring bags is to require a five cent charge for each shopping bag provided by the store or even much better is to give the customers a five cent discount for bringing a bag.

Finally, switching from plastic backs to paper bags would be an added expense to stores. Money that could be used for recycling plastic bags and educating people that the "throw away society" is so passe.

There are more intelligent and less authoritarian solutions to the problem of plastic bags than.
ignorant banning of them.

From: noreply@ci.corvallis.or.us [mailto:noreply@ci.corvallis.or.us]
Sent: Saturday, March 31, 2012 1:26 PM
To: City Manager
Subject: <web>Please forward to Mayor, all councilmembers, Plastic Bag staff
Importance: High

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:

none

prefer phone contact: no

All,

It's clear the Mary's Peak Sierra Club and others are trying to get Council to enact legislation about which they have failed to demonstrate public support. Unless and until they can demonstrate that public support, their effort is an attempt to sneak around out of the view of the public will. After all, you don't really believe a majority of the public has an idea about how many staff dollars in these tight budget times are being wasted to assist these people with their own particular agenda, do you?

So it's clear there are really only two things the staff should present to Council to actually impartially represent the public:

1) Any legislation should not improperly favor one industry or retailer over another. As a practical matter, if staff must abuse the public trust by refusing to send anything but a comment to that affect, the proposal should be the market should decide. They should be required to limit their final work to developing proposals for voluntary incentives to the retailers to allow the market should decide. You and the City staff are not paid with our public funds to share the contempt for the people that the selfish, elitist proponents continually demonstrate for the 99% of the rest of us in the G-T and elsewhere.

2) The responsible thing for the Council to do would to simply decline to get involved, and invite the proponents to use the initiative process if they care about the public's viewpoint. However, since that isn't what has and is going to happen, Council should itself refer the issue to the ballot rather than pass any ordinance. That would be an honest and genuine effort to serve the public by truly soliciting public input, rather than the proponent's corrupt approach so far of having the City expend scarce public resources on behalf of their agenda.

Regards



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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <jonathanhe@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sat, 31 Mar 2012 11:03:14 -0700
- *Cc:* <jonathanhe@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
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- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
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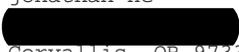
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Sincerely,

jonathan He

Corvallis, OR 97333

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 - **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
 - *From:* mayor

- Prev by Date: <web>**Does the Mayor, Council and Staff think we are THAT stupid?**
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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <oregonknight@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sun, 1 Apr 2012 20:46:09 -0700
- *Cc:* <oregonknight@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Sun, 1 Apr 2012 20:46:43 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120402034643.113C313D1A5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Carrie Cisneros


Corvallis, OR 97330

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 - **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
 - *From:* mayor
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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <brad@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sun, 1 Apr 2012 01:12:29 -0700
- *Cc:* <brad@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Sun, 1 Apr 2012 01:13:03 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120401081303.172A34F56E3@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Mayor Manning,

Dear City Council,

The stuff below keeps showing up every time I log on to the internet. As a new (and returning) Citizen to Corvallis, I sincerely hope you don't give it too much credibility.

Here is my simple plea. Plastics are created from oil. We keep sending young Americans to the Middle East to die, so that we can have our oil fix.

Why don't we challenge the plastics industry to create a bag created from renewable resources from the beginning. Like paper, I guess they just don't know we have trees in Oregon.

That means 3 things, we can recycle, create jobs here and never have to ship Oregonian bodies back from the Middle East to ensure we have cheap, plastic bags (in BTW plastic body bags).

You know what really pi**es me off, and pardon my French, is that they know they are a dying industry and instead of having the intestinal fortitude to make changes, they are part of the band of the Titanic.

As elected leaders, you have a choice. I don't know how much money they have brought into town but I assure you, it won't be enough.

They are painting each of you as people who "don't support jobs and recycling." I look on line and see just the opposite.

Please let me know when you are having hearings. I'm looking forward to participating.

Best regards,

Brad Attig

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Brada Attig

Corvallis, OR 97330

• **Follow-Ups:**

- **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
 - *From: mayor*
- Prev by Date: **Re: OSU'S annual transit funding support**
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<web>Plastic Bag Ban

- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* <web>Plastic Bag Ban
- *From:* maya.abels@xxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Sun, 1 Apr 2012 19:31:49 -0700
- *Reply-to:* <maya.abels@xxxxxxxx>

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Maya Abels
maya.abels@xxxxxxxx
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I will make this brief although I could write a long note. I strongly support enacting a ban on single use plastic bags. Our oceans and the rest of the planet are suffering because of our unwillingness to address important global climate change issues. This is something that can easily be accomplished. I don't think it presents a hardship to anyone that a few minutes advance planning won't take care of. The Council has an opportunity to be in sync with other communities who have taken the lead. Please support this.

Thanks,
Maya Abels

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Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <gvb564@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sun, 1 Apr 2012 15:01:14 -0700
- *Cc:* <gvb564@xxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Sun, 1 Apr 2012 15:01:47 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120401220147.F35CB4F5FE8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Mayor Manning,

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Bag taxes and bans don't help clean the environment or reduce litter. They just hurt people who can least afford an additional cost burden in these tough economic times. What's worse, taxing or banning bags could directly threaten Oregon's manufacturing and recycling jobs.

I hope you'll oppose bans and taxes, and instead support the real solution to litter: recycling. By creating a public education program, you could make Corvallis a statewide leader in recycling.

Sincerely,

Glenn Bosch

Corvallis, OR 97333

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I want to keep plastic out of the Pacific.

- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* I want to keep plastic out of the Pacific.
- *From:* Heather Watts <twilightmoongoddess@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Mon, 2 Apr 2012 20:53:07 -0500 (CDT)
- *Organization:* Public Interest Network
- *Reply-to:* Heather Watts <twilightmoongoddess@xxxxxxxx>

Apr 2, 2012

Councilor Mark O'Brien
Corvallis, OR

Dear Councilor O'Brien,

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Please pass a ban on single-use checkout plastic bags.

Sincerely,

Heather Watts



Portland, OR 97206-9016

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- *Date:* Mon, 2 Apr 2012 14:56:29 -0700
- *Cc:* <suz30002003@xxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Mon, 2 Apr 2012 14:57:03 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120402215703.D7A0C13EBCB@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Suzanne Woods

Corvallis, OR 97330

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I want to keep plastic out of the Pacific.

- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* I want to keep plastic out of the Pacific.
- *From:* Pamela Hood Szivek <mspamsplace@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Mon, 2 Apr 2012 21:53:10 -0500 (CDT)
- *Organization:* Public Interest Network
- *Reply-to:* Pamela Hood Szivek <mspamsplace@xxxxxxxx>

Apr 2, 2012

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Corvallis, OR

Dear Councilor O'Brien,

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Last year Portland became the first city in Oregon to pass a bag ban and now communities around the state are looking to follow suit. Corvallis should be next.

Please pass a ban on single-use checkout plastic bags.

Sincerely,

Pamela Hood Szivek

Corvallis, OR 97333-1765

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- *Date:* Mon, 2 Apr 2012 15:14:30 -0700
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- *Resent-date:* Mon, 2 Apr 2012 15:14:52 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120402221452.635A113EC8D@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Mayor Manning,

Dear decision maker,

Certainly, support recycling. BUT.... I am using this anti ban form to tell you I am 100% IN FAVOR OF the bag ban as proposed.

I've heard arguments for and against the bag ban. Every SINGLE argument against is WHINY, LAME, and MYOPIC.

"Oh gee what will I pick my DOG POOP up with? Oh gee how am I gonna keep my bike seat dry. Wah wah I don't wanna schlep a canvas bag to K-mart. Whine whine, reusable bags might have GERMS on them!!! Somebody (not here) might lose their job!

Put bluntly, Single use plastic bags are not a necessity, and they clearly do evil so let's just not have them.

This organization against the bag ban is lame. There are tons of alternatives. Recycling is a distant third to reusing, which is a very distant second to reducing. Banning the bag is an example of the highest form of sustainability REDUCING ABSOLUTELY UNNECESSARY CRAP from going into the stream in the FIRST PLACE is the best option.

I'm tired of all this discussion, because every day you jack our jaws about it makes things worse. They are a non sustainable product. They will have to go sooner or later. Be proactive and forward thinking and do it now, rather than wait until massive ocean die offs make people sicken and starve.

Either BAN THE F*&ING BAGS or CHARGE a STEEP fee for them.

BAN THE BAGS BAN THE BAGS BAN THE BAGS.

Sincerely,

Colleen Dick

Corvallis, OR 97330

Dybvad, Scott

From: Lovett, Linda
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 9:16 AM
To: Dybvad, Scott
Subject: FW: Bag Ban YES

From: Biff Traber [mailto:biff.traber@[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2012 5:53 PM
To: Mark O'Brien; Joel hirsch; Lovett, Linda; Louie, Kathy
Subject: FW: Bag Ban YES

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Date: Mon, 2 Apr 2012 16:48:06 -0700
To: Biff Traber <[biff.traber@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:biff.traber@[REDACTED])>
Subject: Bag Ban YES

Biff,

I support discouraging the use of disposable plastic bags in corvallis by charging for them.

Katherine Cleland
[tkcleland@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:tkcleland@[REDACTED])

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I want to keep plastic out of the Pacific.

- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* I want to keep plastic out of the Pacific.
- *From:* Sarah Devine <sarah.w.devine@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Mon, 2 Apr 2012 20:23:03 -0500 (CDT)
- *Organization:* Public Interest Network
- *Reply-to:* Sarah Devine <sarah.w.devine@xxxxxxxx>

Apr 2, 2012

Councilor Mark O'Brien
Corvallis, OR

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This is a natural step for a city that is already a leader in many aspects of sustainability.

Last year Portland became the first city in Oregon to pass a bag ban and now communities around the state are looking to follow suit. Corvallis should be next.

Please pass a ban on single-use checkout plastic bags.

Sincerely,

Sarah Devine



Corvallis, OR 97330-2339

To City of Corvallis/plastic bags

2 April 2012

I do not agree with those who want to ban plastic grocery bags. For our family plastic grocery bags represent less than 1% (by weight) of our trash. I don't see how this small amount of material, which all goes into the landfill, can be clogging our oceans and littering our beaches as some would have us believe. In fact a recent picture in the paper showed the SCORE people cleaning up a beach on the coast using, you guessed it, plastic bags. The plastic film industry is a very large user of polyethylene plastic in this country, I know I used to work for one of the manufacturers. What about the plastic film used to protect food, bags for vegetables, film to wrap paper towels and toilet paper? Ban those too? How about the plastic bags to protect the G-T on raining days? I don't think paper will be very good for that. I could go on and on.

It seems to me that these people who want to ban plastic bags are trying to impose their values on the rest of us and in this case banning plastic grocery bags will do nothing to solve a pollution problem if that is what they say they are trying to do.

If you want to ban plastic grocery bags, I can't stop you, but if so, it is on a whim not for any useful purpose and if I have to pay for the use of paper bags, which I have never had to do before, I will be very angry.

Jay Burreson

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Corvallis

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- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* <web>Plastic Bag Ban
- *From:* jaygile@xxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Mon, 2 Apr 2012 09:58:49 -0700
- *Reply-to:* <jaygile@xxxxxxxx>

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Jay Gile
jaygile@xxxxxxxx

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I wanted to give you our position on the proposed plastic bag ban. After reading the editorial in today's paper, I hope that my comments are somewhat original.

We completely support a ban on plastic bags in whatever form that the council believes is workable. We have traveled extensively in europe and in developing countries in latin america and africa. Here are a some of examples of things that we have experienced while traveling.

Plastic bags are a major problem in developing countries but surprisingly, Rwanda banned single use bags in 2008. Nicaragua is trying to reduce plastic trash through education in the schools. If a child is caught littering in school they now have to stay after school and pick up trash.

In Italy, customers pay the equivalent of 0.15 USD for plastic bags in supermarkets.

These are just 3 examples of what is happening elsewhere in the world.

Corvallis likes to think of itself as a city focused on sustainability, if we can't develop a workable plastic bag ban, we probably shouldn't brag about our sustainability efforts!

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COMMENTS ABOUT CORVALLIS' PLASTIC BAG DELIBERATIONS

By: Alan Amoth, April 2, 2012

I **DO NOT** support any regulations that control/restrict the use of plastic bags ... of any type. Here's why:

The City of Corvallis has an excellent recycling program that provides citizens a convenient opportunity to recycle virtually all types of household wastes including plastic film products (single use bags and all other plastic film products). Why are we even considering banning single use plastic bags yet failing to recognize that most of the items taken to the recycle center are also single use products?

Personally, I use/reuse plastic bags for numerous home uses and find them very handy to have around the home and in my autos. If the City of Corvallis is so narrow-minded as to ban these containers I will seek out other merchants in Corvallis and neighboring communities that continue to provide them.

If locally there is an emotional need to address an alleged single use bag problem a much wiser solution would be to adopt an aggressive annual public information campaign/appeal to promote better recycling (including single use bags) and to add 2 – 4 additional Allied Waste collection centers for plastic film products to provide better geographic coverage across the community.

Finding this item on the City Council agenda, in my opinion, is highly inappropriate. Items of environmental significance that are potentially harmful to the public or environment should be addressed at the state or federal level because these levels of government have the scientific resources to technically evaluate potential problems and solutions. Emotional campaigns that often define local environmental agendas are a poor substitute for pragmatic technical and economic solutions. Furthermore, the practice of banning common commercial items in one community that are readily available in others is a disservice to businesses that operate throughout the state. Local businesses may lose customers and state-wide businesses experience higher costs because different supply systems need to be employed. Environmental/sustainable issues must be balanced against economic considerations.

Finally, it is not clear to me why this type of sustainable/environmental item is even on the City Council agenda. In my view, the Council needs to confine its attention to strictly local needs and issues and avoid wasting time debating hypothetical environmental, political and/or religious topics that may be affecting the entire state, nation or the world. Plastic bags are not a serious local problem and I strongly oppose any efforts to reduce their use through imposed regulation. If bags are banned in Corvallis what will be next in line? A year from now, will we be proposing bans on plastic water bottles, plastics with BPA's, petroleum based fuels, non-organic foods or ??? The community can learn to mitigate environmental concerns through other means than additional legal regulation.

From: Richard Bryant [mailto:altavistadesign1 [REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2012 5:48 PM
To: Public Works
Cc: news@[REDACTED]opinion@[REDACTED]
Subject: proposed single-use plastic bag ban a non-BOILERPLATE opinion
Importance: High

04-02-2012

While I applaud sensible, useful, and workable measures that help to protect the environment, I also place silly laws and promoters of fundamentally flawed legislation on the lowest possible rung of the environmental-protection level of regard.

Please apply ample amounts of deliberate review and common sense to make sure that you are not just having a knee-jerk reaction to appease a minority view. Banning the so-called single-use grocery bag may just be the camel's nose under the tent that leads to even more restrictive ordinances. Beware of unintended consequences.

If this requested ordinance is passed, just think what will be on the next "target list" of products to ban! Here are a few likely prospects:

- **Disposable diapers** – now there is one nasty product. If it makes it to the landfill, it will still be there in a thousand years! If an earth-loving family is hiking a trail for a weekend with diaper wearing toddlers strapped to their llama, do you really believe they will be packing that smelly oozing disposable diaper back out of the wilderness? From what I have encountered on the trail and roadside bike-lanes, I can almost guarantee that such a simple earth saving act of personal responsibility, discomfort, and sacrifice will be immediately set aside and someone else will be left holding the disposal chore. Can you please expand the scope of the proposed single-use grocery bag ordinance to include banning disposable nappies? Ah, I can already hear the cries from the street – "Off with their heads" and "Protect the endangered Nappies".
- **"Depends"** – you know, those nasty products that fill the opposite end of the life-cycle that disposable diapers fill at the beginning of life. Fortunately for the trail environment, most users of Depends don't go for hikes with a trip-duration that outlasts the holding capacity of their personal hygiene product. Users of Depends may be better stewards of the earth than consumers of disposable diapers, because they manage get their environmentally un-friendly product into the landfill rather than leaving it lying around for someone else to handle. But make no mistake, a "Depends" in the landfill will certainly be around much longer than the user who "willed" it to the earth as they passed on to their next journey. To be faithful to the mantra of "reuse and recycle", please add Depends-like products to the list of banned environmentally un-friendly single-use products.
- **GT Newspaper bags** – Let us not forget or forgive our cherished local newspaper for cursing us with an endless daily stream of single-use newspaper delivery bags. We get seven of these nearly useless bags every day. Count those figures up and compare that quantity to the single-use grocery bags one may use. In our family, the GT is the major single-use plastic bag culprit in Corvallis. 365 single-use plastic bags per year from the GT and 0 single-use grocery bags from local retailers for our family. What is even more irritating about GT policy is that their bags do not regularly provide the desired product protection they are intended to provide and the size and shape make them 100% useless (except maybe for stuffing a disposable diaper or Depends into). Is there a reason why the delivery person can't put an un-bagged newspaper into the free orange paper tubes the GT provides? At least the "single-use" grocery bags can be used multiple times for multiple purposes. Have you ever tried to stuff a hiking boot into a plastic bag from the GT? Please amend the proposed ordinance banning the single-use grocery bag so that the GT is required to find a sustainable paper-delivery and protection system that can be re-cycled.

- **Allied Waste** - Another culprit, who regularly contributes to environmental litter, is Allied Waste. While they serve a highly useful and important service, there is often a trail of litter that falls from the garbage and recycle trucks on the way to the disposal site. This litter stream blows into yards, farms, and forests. The debris also finds a path into our rivers and streams, especially during high water events. The mindless road and trail-side disposal of single-use grocery bags is not always the fault of zombie polluters. Allied Waste trucks, leaving behind route-markings like Hansel and Gretel, are equally at fault for contributing to waste-product pollution in the environment. Should we pass an ordinance that requires Allied Waste to have follow-vehicles that tag along with the garbage and recycle trucks to pick up the debris that flies out of the trucks? Circus and festival parades have clean-up crews that follow behind the elephants and horses to collect any organic waste droppings. Maybe the City Council can amend the Allied Waste service-contract to require Allied Waste to be as environmentally friendly as the circus and festival parades. A “pick-up your droppings” contract-amendment certainly seems to be as valuable and environmentally friendly as the banning of single-use grocery bags.

While copying is often claimed to be the highest form of unspoken compliment, jest is the blade that strips away the strings of the misguided believer’s mask. Please shine some serious sunlight on the proposed single-use grocery bag ban.

The proposal to ban single-use grocery bags is a small feel-good move that will have limited positive impact. The ban, as proposed, is just simply a bad ordinance. With several bad ordinances and rules on the books already, the last thing the City Council needs to be doing is creating new feel-good ordinances that will likely create a host of unintended consequences and follow-on bans.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Bryant

[REDACTED]
Corvallis, OR 97330
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- *From:* <linda.sather@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Mon, 2 Apr 2012 08:43:35 -0700
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Sincerely,

Linda Sather

Corvallis, OR 97333

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- *To:* ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* <web>Bag Ban
- *From:* colleen@xxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Tue, 3 Apr 2012 15:07:45 -0700
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Colleen Dick

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I, THE UNDERSIGNED resident of the State of Oregon,
HEREBY SUPPORT a ban on plastic check-out bags
within the City of Corvallis to reduce the use of plastic bags,
encourage the use of reusable bags and reduce our depen-
dence on finite natural resources. I urge Corvallis City
Council to cut the flow of pollution into the ocean by ban-
ning disposable plastic bags.

Place
Stamp
Here

Name: Lauren Graebner

Address: [REDACTED] CORVALLIS, OR

Email: l-graebner@ [REDACTED]

Signature: [REDACTED] Return to: Sierra Club

Mary's Peak Group

PO Box 863

Corvallis, OR 97339

Dybvad, Scott

From: Mullens, Carrie
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 3:43 PM
To: Dybvad, Scott; Holzworth, Carla; Lovett, Linda
Subject: FW: <web>Web Request about City Government

-----Original Message-----

From: Mullens, Carrie On Behalf Of City Manager
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 3:42 PM
To: 'drheyden@' [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: <web>Web Request about City Government

Thank you for your comments. They will be shared with the Mayor and Council.

-----Original Message-----

From: drheyden@ [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 03, 2012 3:35 PM
To: City Manager
Subject: <web>Web Request about City Government
Importance: High

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:

Dona Heyden

[drheyden@ \[REDACTED\]](mailto:drheyden@ [REDACTED])

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Please do not ban plastic bags. People deserve to have a choice. We do not need government to tell what we can or can't do more than it already does. Please move on to more important issues!

...Dona Heyden



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<web>Proposed Ban on Plastic Bags

- *To:* mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* <web>Proposed Ban on Plastic Bags
- *From:* daeannah@xxxxxxx
- *Date:* Tue, 3 Apr 2012 03:42:32 -0700
- *Reply-to:* <daeannah@xxxxxxx>

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:
 Rhyanna DeTuathana
 daeannah@xxxxxxx
 5417541594 prefer phone contact: no

HI I just saw on the kval news that there is a meeting tomorrow night on the Proposal to Ban Plastic Bags. I won't be able to attend. I sincerely, pray that this ban will not go into effect! Unlike those, who can afford to push their opinions, ideals on others, I don't foist my opinion, or demand on others. The proposed ban, and fee will send people like me to shop out of Corvallis area. I currently rely on food stamps to help buy food. Plastic bags makes it possible for me to carry those groceries, whether on a bus, or to a car, something that isn't possible with paper bags. They rip too easily, especially when wet. Paper bags also tend to take longer to degrade into the soil. I have sent in letters to the editor of the Gazette Times. I have even emailed the council member for where I live, which is on Lilly Place, past downtown. The nearest grocery store, is the small Safeway on Adams and 3rd. The next nearest Safeway, with a larger selection of food items, is either on Philomath Blvde, or North Circle Blvd. I don't work, have applied for disability due to several health issues. I don't have cash money. I can't afford to pay to use a plastic bag. I also reuse the plastic bags that I get, to store things in, to place garbage in, to clean up after my dogs, etc.

By the way, those bags that the stores sell, which aren't cheap, are made of Plastic as well. I have not one person say that they wash those bags after bringing home groceries. I'd hate to know how 'germic' they are.

Please, please reconsider and refuse to pass a ban on plastic bags.

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To: Administrative Services Committee
From: Occupy Corvallis
Date: April 3, 2012
Re: Single-use Plastic Bag Ordinance

We Americans have enjoyed comforts at the expense of other peoples, ecosystems, and animals all over the world. It is time to live differently. Each person throws away 500 plastic bags each year, which mostly end up polluting our ocean, or sent to China--which has already banned bags. In the U.S. we use 100 billion each year. This convenience item contributes to the Great Pacific Garbage Patch and to thousands of marine animals who die each year. Single-use plastic is wreaking environmental havoc on our ocean systems so that we can enjoy our comforts. Why don't we skip a step and bring our own bags instead of using plastic bags for a few minutes and then throwing them away.

Its time to create a new American Dream whose goal is a higher humanity instead of a higher standard of living that is ultimately dependent on Empire. We must have the courage to challenge ourselves to engage in activities that build a new and better world. In the process we will be improving the physical, psychological, political, and spiritual health of ourselves, our families, our communities, our cities, our world, and our planet. We urgently need to begin creating ways to live more frugally and more cooperatively. The Empire of Money seeks to impose the logic and practice of capital by asking us not to ban plastic bags because it will put Hilex Poly out of business. It's about money, not about taking personal responsibility for the effects that their product has on us and the world. Let's start by taking a small step that will have a big effect. Ban single-use plastic bags now.

Dybvad, Scott

From: De Jong, Kris on behalf of Public Works
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2012 3:12 PM
To: Steckel, Mary; Lovett, Linda; Dybvad, Scott; Steele, Adam
Subject: FW: Plastic Bags

From: Denise Nervik [mailto:nervikd@██████████]
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2012 1:50 PM
To: Public Works
Subject: Plastic Bags

Thanks for looking at these comments -

When I bring home small plastic bags, I rinse them out and reuse them.
This week I came home with 5 new small plastic bags
 3 came from prepackaged bags of vegetables: lettuce, carrots, a chopped mix of vegetables,
 2 came with a loaf of bread (inner and outer bags)
Use of these plastic bags would not be affected by the proposed law.

The only plastic bags that would be affected are ones used to bag an entire order.
These bags have been shown to kill wildlife, among other ghastly attributes, like not biodegrading.

Think of a dead seal, killed by a plastic bag, lying on the beach. Do we need plastic shopping bags that bad??

We got along without them for a much longer time than we have had them with us.
Even a child is strong enough to carry a cloth shopping bag, the logical alternative.

My vote: NO plastic grocery bags used in Corvallis
 5 cents charged to the customer for each new paper grocery bag used,
 5 cents refunded to the customer for each paper grocery bag reused by the customer (like

Winco does)

Cordially,
Denise Nervik

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Denise Nervik
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Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <xajamykil@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 4 Apr 2012 17:41:52 -0700
- *Cc:* <xajamykil@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Wed, 4 Apr 2012 17:42:25 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120405004225.996254F7DAB@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Xaja Mykil

Corvallis, OR 97330

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <wgvh@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 4 Apr 2012 17:49:59 -0700
- *Cc:* <wgvh@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Wed, 4 Apr 2012 17:50:33 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120405005033.B55584F7E08@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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susan hall

corvallis, OR 97330

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <jjtmaker@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 4 Apr 2012 19:41:19 -0700
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John Jacobson

Corvallis, OR 97330

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<web>Bag ban

- *To:* ward3@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* <web>Bag ban
- *From:* douglisa7889@xxxxxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Wed, 4 Apr 2012 18:47:39 -0700
- *Reply-to:* <douglisa7889@xxxxxxxxxxx>

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:

Doug Silbernagel
douglisa7889@xxxxxxxxxxx
prefer phone contact: no

I urge you to reject any proposed ordinance that bans single use plastic shopping bags and at the same time imposes a fee for paper bags. I could live with an ordinance to only ban the plastic bags but not one that also imposes a fee for the use of paper bags. The Gazette-Times in the front page article on April 4, 2012 states that retailers would keep the fees they collect to cover the cost of eliminating plastic shopping bags. Could it be that paper bags now cost the retailers more than plastic?

I'm 43 years old and remember when our only option was paper bags, and when they started offering plastic bags at the checkout line, the same type of people that now want them banned, in my opinion, made you feel guilty for choosing paper over plastic as you were not doing your part to save the trees.

I believe our forests if managed with great care and respect for the environment are very much a renewable resource, and any fee on paper bags, again in my opinion, is social engineering by some who want the rest of us to stop using wood products or anything else that in their narrow view is not environmentally sustainable.

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Dybvad, Scott

From: De Jong, Kris on behalf of Public Works
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2012 8:03 AM
To: Steckel, Mary; Lovett, Linda; Dybvad, Scott; Steele, Adam
Subject: FW: plastic bag regulation

From: hotmail_103efa555359d83d@[REDACTED] **On Behalf Of** Lua Siegel
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2012 4:28 PM
To: Public Works
Subject: plastic bag regulation

Hello

I understand the environmental concerns around plastic bags and how easily they escape garbage, create clogs, harm animals and more. I am concerned, however, that banning something may actually cause more trouble than good in certain conditions. My main worry is what people this will potentially harm: poor parents. Try to imagine the kind of people that will remember to carry their reusable cloth bags to the store.... Yes, wealthier adults, those that are retired or unencumbered college students with heightened social conscience and self discipline. What percentage of the population is this? Maybe significant, but now think of the working low income mom that runs into Winco. Will she be carrying 20 bags for her groceries? Alongside her 1 or 2 tired kids she just picked up from childcare? And then you want to charge her for carrying her stuff out in bags from the store?! Think about it! Who does this serve?

I am all for recycling, protecting the environment and promoting education. My house has 4 different recycling containers that get delivered to different centers! Still, I can be mindful of the harms of imposing regulations and the economic and social impact this can have on people that are already vulnerable.

Lua

Dybvad, Scott

From: De Jong, Kris on behalf of Public Works
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2012 11:10 AM
To: Steckel, Mary; Lovett, Linda; Dybvad, Scott; Steele, Adam
Subject: FW: Plastic bags

From: Johnbrenan@[REDACTED]mailto:Johnbrenan@[REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2012 10:31 AM
To: Public Works
Subject: Plastic bags

(1) It is readily apparent that there are some very good things about plastic bags, chief among them being light weight, strength, and affordability. Plus, and this is a very big plus, they are 100% recyclable. Before taking the extreme step of banning them, and increasing everybody's grocery bill, why not first attempt an extremely ambitious recycling program?

All you need do is mandate that each grocery store in the city place a recycle container strictly for these plastic bags on prominent display by the front of the store, and that they make their customers aware of it. The simple arithmetic of weight of bags received versus weight of bags recycled will provide a good indicator of the success of the program. If it is successful, problem solved; if not, you can tell the people that other alternatives were tried prior to a ban.

Any additional cost to the retailers will be offset to some degree by what they receive from the recycler as compensation for the used bags.

(2) Do not buy in to the argument that cloth bags would not require washing. E coli 0157:H7 is found on leafy vegetables and the surface of many cuts of meat. Salmonella is present in over 30% of all chickens. Any bacterium that is transposed to the surface of a cloth bag will stay there and then adhere to other fruits or vegetables with which it comes in contact. If you're going to promote cloth bags as an alternative, you had better make the public aware of the need to wash them frequently in hot, soapy water.

(3) Mandating that my grocer charge me 5 cents per paper bag strikes me as a great, fundamental wrong. If it becomes an increased cost of doing business for him, and he has to raise his prices to compensate for it, so be it. If this pushes him into the non-competitive zone, and people choose to shop in Albany, that's the free enterprise system at work. But it is up to the grocer to decide what steps, if any, he will take; it is not the right of the Corvallis City Council to dictate such measures to him.

(4) Just so you know: a plastic grocery bag, laid out flat on a table (or an ocean) takes up approximately 1.33 square feet. There are 27,878,400 square feet in a square mile, and Texas is the better part of 300,000 square miles. The supposed mass of plastic bags the size of Texas adrift in the Pacific Ocean would require 5.618 TRILLION plastic bags if each were floating with its maximum 1.33 square feet exposed.

The alarmists pushing for a ban spread nonsensical stories like this one to further their cause. Don't make decisions based on erroneous, fear-mongering claims.

John Brenan

Dybvad, Scott

From: De Jong, Kris on behalf of Public Works
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2012 8:03 AM
To: Steckel, Mary; Lovett, Linda; Dybvad, Scott; Steele, Adam
Subject: FW: Proposed plastic bag ban

From: Jim Rousey [mailto:rouseyjl@[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2012 7:03 PM
To: Public Works
Subject: Proposed plastic bag ban

One use my foot! We are a low income retired couple. We reuse these bags for many purposes, principally for garbage. If these bags are banned, we will be forced to purchase plastic garbage bags (unless these are to be banned also). We also use them to hold our recyclable bottles and cans until we make a trip to redeem them. We know pet owner who use them to clean up behind their pets.

I'm sure you get the point that we are vehemently opposed to such a ban.

James and Darlene Rousey
[rouseyjl@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:rouseyjl@[REDACTED])



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RE: Questions on Bag Ban

- *To:* Ward 8 <ward8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Ward 3 <ward3@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* RE: Questions on Bag Ban
- *From:* "Steckel, Mary" <Mary.Steckel@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 5 Apr 2012 22:39:06 +0000
- *Cc:* "Patterson, Jim" <Jim.Patterson@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, Ward 1 <ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Joel Hirsch" <ward6@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Lovett, Linda" <Linda.Lovett@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Title: Questions on Bag Ban

Councilors Traber and Hervey,

Perhaps a little more information from staff's perspective will help as well in regards to Councilor Hervey's questions.

1. In the work done by the stakeholder group to date, the exemption for businesses with fewer than 25 employees in Options 1 and 2 refers only to the pass-through fee (the one that would be on paper bags for Option 1 and on paper and plastic bags for Option 2). The exemption does not refer to the ban on plastic bags. So the ban would apply to all retail establishments, but the pass-through fee would not. At this point, Option 1 and 2 have this exemption as a permanent one.

2. It is important to note that there will be complaints that result in a finding of no violation, especially early on as the community gets used to what is and what is not allowed in the new ordinance language. For the program to be self-sufficient, the fine amount would have to take into account the staff costs to investigate complaints when a violation has occurred as well as those when no violation is found. Another point to consider is that over time there would be fewer violations, resulting in less revenue from actual fines, assuming retailers improved their level of compliance, but there may not be fewer complaints, resulting in ongoing staff costs with no revenue source.

Hopefully, this helps explain the information provided at the public meeting.

Let me know if you have further questions,

Mary

From: Ward 8
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2012 2:28 PM
To: Ward 3
Cc: Patterson, Jim; Ward 1; Joel Hirsch; Steckel, Mary; Lovett, Linda
Subject: Re: Questions on Bag Ban

Richard

Thanks for the comments. I think they are useful input.

In my mind, we have not specified any resolution of details of each approach. The options as outlined are part of what staff has been doing to work with stakeholders and the public to refine one or more options/ordinances to bring to ASC. As such, you should not expect to see any resolution on the two specifics you mention as part of past ASC minutes.

Further, I do see your comments as part of the input staff is seeking and as such I cc'd the staff lead on this effort so they have the comments. By the way, I think they are doing a great job on spreading the net to collect citizen input on this contentious issue.

To round out the discussion (for you, staff and my fellow ASC members), let me express my thoughts on the two topics.

The idea of exemption for small retailers had originally come up as a way to mitigate the impact of a transition, thus temporary. Making it permanent may have additional reasons behind it and I'd expect that rationale to be in any recommendation to have a permanent exemption. I do think that smaller retailers contribute less to the plastic bag pollution a bag ban is trying to reduce. However, I also tend to lean to a clear and simple ordinance being easier to implement and enforce.

On enforcement, my expectation has been that a complaint driven enforcement (ala rental code) with penalties levied to cover the cost of investigation and prosecution as the main process. We have received input recommending that direction as well. Given the number of retailers to work with, I would not expect a large number of violations and thus would expect this approach to be minimal net cost. Note, I do hope my expectation is the case since I have said and still believe that the city cannot afford a ban if it will cost it substantially for enforcement. Again I expect staff to speak to this topic when they bring ASC a final report.

Hope this helps.

Biff

----- Original Message -----

From: "ward3" <ward3@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
 To: "Biff Traber" <ward8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
 Cc: "Jim' 'Patterson" <Jim.Patterson@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
 Sent: Tuesday, April 3, 2012 7:02:32 PM
 Subject: Questions on Bag Ban

Biff,

As you are aware, I attended the public forum tonight on the bag ban.

I came away with a couple of questions that were not appropriate to ask under the directions for input. I apologize if the answers are already in the ASC minutes. I have been attempting to track that portion of the minutes and don't remember hearing answers to them.

- 1) Regarding the exemption in options 1 and 2 for businesses with less than 25 employees – I had expected the exemption to be a temporary one to mitigate against transition costs for small business. I imaged wanting to use up an inventory of existing bags and maybe needing to stretch out the costs for redesigning logos and such for a different type of bag. I did not expect a permanent exemption. Could you direct me to the where I can find out more about the exemption being permanent?
- 2) There was reference to enforcement and the cost to the City for enforcement. What sort of enforcement is being considered? What have other bag ban cities done? I assumed that this would be complaint based with fines large enough to cover the occasional enforcement required.

Thanks,

Richard

● **References:**

- **Re: Questions on Bag Ban**
 - *From:* Biff traber
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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <oodlesnjazz@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 4 Apr 2012 15:07:16 -0700
- *Cc:* <oodlesnjazz@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Wed, 4 Apr 2012 15:07:50 -0700 (PDT)
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Gail Hoiem


Corvallis, OR 97330

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- *From:* <wbennett@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 5 Apr 2012 11:20:19 -0700
- *Cc:* <wbennett@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
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William Bennett

Corvallis, OR 97330

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Dybvad, Scott

From: De Jong, Kris on behalf of Public Works
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2012 8:04 AM
To: Steckel, Mary; Lovett, Linda; Dybvad, Scott; Steele, Adam
Subject: FW: Proposed ban on plastic bags

-----Original Message-----

From: Marcia Shapiro [mailto:tarnwillow@redacted]
Sent: Thursday, April 05, 2012 12:32 AM
To: Public Works
Subject: Proposed ban on plastic bags

This message is to express my strong support for the proposed ordinance to ban the use of single-use plastic checkout bags in Corvallis.

I do not find any of the arguments against the ban convincing.

People argue that those bags, because of their handles, are so much easier for people with handicaps or older people to use. But all of the reusable bags that I have seen actually have sturdier handles than the plastic bags. Also those bags hold more than the small plastic bags that would be banned. This means that one doesn't have to hang onto or manage as many bags. And if you can't carry a heavy load, just don't load the bags up as much. I am 70 years old and I don't have any trouble managing the reusable bags. Anyway, you can put your bags in a grocery basket and wheel them out to your car if you can't hang onto them. And if you're carrying your groceries on your bike or as you walk, the larger, sturdier reusable bags with good handles are far better than the flimsy, small plastic ones.

I do not see banning the bags as some sort of infringement of my personal liberty. Were people somehow deprived of liberty before these bags became available and popular? Anyway, aren't institutionalized rights/liberties supposed to be about important things like banning racial discrimination or giving equal pay for equal work or the right to vote or to express your opinion or against unreasonable search and seizure, etc. rather than something as trivial as your right to have a flimsy plastic bag to put your groceries in? Let's focus on real priorities when we start screaming about our rights.

The reusable bags are not a health hazard. The plastic bags that are used for produce or to put raw meat into are not being banned. So what goes into the reusable bag is contained in some sort of box, bag, can, or other kind of wrapper. Hence the bags do not become contaminated and become a health hazard. And if you're worried about that, well, wash them for heaven's sake. The cloth ones can even go in the washing machine and the plastic ones can be rinsed out, even with soapy water if you're so obsessive as to worry about things like that. I have been using reusable bags for several years and no one in our household has had any sort of digestive tract disorder, let alone one that could be ascribed to a contaminated reusable grocery bag.

If you just keep a stash of reusable bags in your car, you don't even have to worry about forgetting to bring them with you.

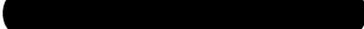
The single-use thin bags that would be banned are an environmental hazard on our beaches and elsewhere, and just because they are recyclable doesn't mean they aren't a drag on our environment. The feed stock for plastic is petroleum, so their manufacture needlessly consumes a valuable resource which should be saved for products that we really can't do without; the production of the energy required to make them and transport them to their ultimate location no doubt pollutes our air. As I understand it, the demand for them as

recycled feed stock to make other things is relatively low and they tend to get caught in other recyclables and cause trouble in the machinery that processes these other materials. Since not everyone is good about recycling the bags, they also needlessly contribute to the volume of material in our landfills.

It is for these reasons that I am in favor of the ban, and I do not see the "educate the public" alternative as a viable alternative because it's not likely that it will prevent the use of all or even most of these bags (there are always lazy and/or ignorant or stubborn people around). Instead, I think the educational campaign should be an adjunct to banning the bags rather than an alternative.

Thank you for considering my opinion.

Marcia Shapiro


Corvallis, OR 97330

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <pizzaofme2002@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 5 Apr 2012 07:29:28 -0700
- *Cc:* <pizzaofme2002@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Thu, 5 Apr 2012 07:30:00 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120405143000.2C4E44F82B9@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Rebecca Clay

Corvallis, OR 97330

- **Follow-Ups:**
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 - *From:* mayor

- Prev by Date: **Spam Digest for Wednesday, April 4, 2012**
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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <don@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Fri, 6 Apr 2012 11:30:23 -0700
- *Cc:* <don@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Fri, 6 Apr 2012 11:30:54 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120406183054.49788145530@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Don Peterson

Corvallis, OR 97333

- **Follow-Ups:**
 - **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
 - *From:* mayor
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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <chaplen1@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Fri, 6 Apr 2012 18:00:38 -0700
- *Cc:* <chaplen1@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Fri, 6 Apr 2012 18:01:16 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120407010116.D67E81468DB@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Family Chaplen

Corvallis, OR 97330

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <mrkhrdr@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Fri, 6 Apr 2012 21:52:10 -0700
- *Cc:* <mrkhrdr@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Fri, 6 Apr 2012 21:52:35 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120407045235.75842145C05@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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I already reuse or recycle my plastic bags. I reuse bags to hold my kitchen waste for discard. When I have too many bags lying around, I recycle them. Paper bags also consume energy and trees to manufacture. The problem with the more permanent bags is that I often forget to re-store them in my car before I need them, so I either have to buy new ones (=more materials and energy to manufacture), or return home to fetch them (more gas consumption). Pro-ban advertising seems to focus on the danger plastic bags pose to sea life. They fail to mention, however, that in Corvallis and I believe all of OR, garbage is not dumped at sea, but in land fills.

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Sincerely,

Mark Harder


Corvallis, OR 97330

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Re: Meeting Request about SUPB Model Ordinance

- To: "Mark O'Brien" <ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Meeting Request about SUPB Model Ordinance
- From: "Debra Higbee-Sudyka" <dwhigbe@xxxxxxx>
- Date: Sun, 8 Apr 2012 22:56:28 -0700
- Cc: "Charlie Plybon" <cplybon@xxxxxxxxxxxx>, <joegilliam@xxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Shawn Miller" <shawn@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Sarah Higginbotham" <sarah@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Bruce Encke" <bruce.encke@xxxxxx>, "Jim Patterson" <Jim.Patterson@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Mary Steckel" <mary.steckel@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, "Scott Fewel" <safewel@xxxxxxx>, "Daniel C Snyder" <mr.daniel.snyder@xxxxxxx>

Councilor O'Brien,

I appreciate your caution regarding propriety. I looked into the issue and was advised that a violation of the open meeting law results if there is a quorum of councilors present. There is an open question over whether "serial" meetings between elected officials can result in a violation of the law. See, for instance, the decision in Dumdi v. Handy and Sorensen. I look forward to sharing additional information during visitor propositions at the A.S.C. or Council meetings.

Sincerely,
Debra

----- Original Message ----- From: "Mark O'Brien" <ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
 To: "Debra Higbee-Sudyka" <dwhigbe@xxxxxxx>
 Cc: "Mark O'Brien" <ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>; "Charlie Plybon" <cplybon@xxxxxxxxxxxx>; <joegilliam@xxxxxxxxxxxx>; "Shawn Miller" <shawn@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>; "Sarah Higginbotham" <sarah@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>; "Bruce Encke" <bruce.encke@xxxxxx>; "Jim Patterson" <Jim.Patterson@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>; "Mary Steckel" <mary.steckel@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>; "Scott Fewel" <safewel@xxxxxxx>
 Sent: Saturday, April 07, 2012 4:29 PM
 Subject: Re: Meeting Request about SUPB Model Ordinance

Debra Higbee-Sudyka,

Thank you for your invitation to meet with select stakeholders. Though I'm certain such a meeting would be enlightening, I must respectfully decline.

As a member of the Administrative Services Committee I am pretty familiar with its current charge and slate of activities. That being said, I am confident that participation in a separate stakeholder input opportunity would be improper and not in keeping with the committee recommended and Council approved process.

Notably, it is a violation of public meetings law if two or more members of a Council standing committee meet to discuss committee business outside of an officially noticed meeting.

To the City's credit, I believe that stakeholders have been granted an extraordinary level of input and access during this policy discussion. If

you feel as though there is additional information to share I'd recommend doing so through either the scheduled stakeholder meetings or visitor propositions at A.S.C./Council.

At this point in time, the most appropriate action on my part to wait patiently while staff develops its final report for committee consideration.

Cheers,
Mark O'Brien
City Council President

Councilor O'Brien,

The Administrative Services Committee is in the process of taking input prior to submitting a single-use plastic bag ordinance to the City Council in May. The coalition supporting this effort would like to meet with you regarding the model ordinance submitted by the Northwest Grocery Association and the Sierra Club.

Included at this meeting will be:

a.. The Northwest Grocery Association would represent the major grocery chains.

b.. Surfrider Foundation and/or Environment Oregon would represent the statewide perspective and their local members. They would give relevant insight regarding Oregon's legislation in 2011.

I will represent the Sierra Club and the grassroots effort here in Corvallis. We would like the opportunity to walk you through the ordinance

to ensure that the ASC understands the reason behind certain provisions.

The Corvallis Ordinance has the possibility of not only supporting local business interests, but also state-wide interests. Knowing what's at stake will help save the City time and resources as you develop the best solution for Corvallis.

Would you be able to meet the morning of one of the following dates: April 16th, 17th, or 18th?

We would be happy to have this meeting with all the members of the ASC, if

that might be helpful.

I appreciate your consideration,
Debra Higbee-Sudyka
Executive Committee Vice Chair
Sierra Club - Marys Peak Group

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The Stunning Results of Her Wrinkle Trick Has Botox Doctors Worried
<http://thirdpartyoffers.juno.com/TGL3141/4f7f48732f614a29fst04duc>

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 - *From:* Mark O'Brien



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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <candi10@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Fri, 6 Apr 2012 00:28:57 -0700
- *Cc:* <candi10@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Fri, 6 Apr 2012 00:29:25 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120406072925.E1C4A144AD2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Candace Whitney
[Redacted]
Corvallis, OR 97330

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 - *From:* mayor
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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <lori_gary_moss@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sat, 7 Apr 2012 14:27:11 -0700
- *Cc:* <lori_gary_moss@xxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Sat, 7 Apr 2012 14:27:45 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120407212745.E7D1C4F9434@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Lori Moss

Corvallis, OR, OR 97330

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <scriner@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sun, 8 Apr 2012 18:22:06 -0700
- *Cc:* <scriner@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Sun, 8 Apr 2012 18:22:38 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
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Sincerely,

Seth Criner


Corvallis, OR 97333

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <Bertpledger@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Mon, 9 Apr 2012 00:31:25 -0700
- *Cc:* <Bertpledger@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Mon, 9 Apr 2012 00:31:59 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120409073159.4BAD4149398@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Bert Pledger


Corvallis, OR 97333

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <logan.kim@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Tue, 10 Apr 2012 18:17:16 -0700
- *Cc:* <logan.kim@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Tue, 10 Apr 2012 18:17:47 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120411011747.E8F6D4FC0B9@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Kimberly Woo

[Redacted]
Corvallis, OR 97330

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 - **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
 - *From:* mayor

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Dybvad, Scott

From: Dassow, Peter on behalf of Public Works
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2012 7:50 AM
To: De Jong, Kris; Lovett, Linda; Dybvad, Scott; Steele, Adam
Subject: FW: plastic bag ban

From: Madar, Wendy [mailto:wendy.madar@[REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2012 11:32 AM
To: Public Works
Subject: plastic bag ban

Dear City Officials,

I hope it is not too late to comment on the proposed plastic bag ban. I am definitely in favor and the argument can be boiled down to a very simple statement: Banning single use plastic bags will harm no living creature, including humans, while it has been established beyond all question that these bags get into the general environment and cause severe harm to many living creatures.

There is simply no significant reason for Corvallis not to join the growing list of communities doing the right thing; by this fairly simple step we can make a real difference in the health of our lovely planet. We managed perfectly well as a species for thousands of years without plastic bags. It is time for their destructive reign to end.

Thank you very much for listening to the community on this question.

Wendy Madar

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Corvallis 97330

[wendy.madar@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:wendy.madar@[REDACTED])

Dybvad, Scott

From: Dassow, Peter on behalf of Public Works
Sent: Friday, April 13, 2012 7:51 AM
To: De Jong, Kris; Lovett, Linda; Dybvad, Scott; Steele, Adam
Subject: FW: plastic bags

From: Duncan Thomas [mailto:duncanwt@[REDACTED]]
Sent: Thursday, April 12, 2012 12:50 PM
To: Public Works
Subject: plastic bags

Hello Corvallis Council

I live in Corvallis and I strongly support the proposed ban on single-use plastic bags. The damage these bags do in the environment greatly outweighs the convenience to shoppers, especially as other packaging options have been used in other cities with great success

Duncan Thomas
[REDACTED]



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Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- *To:* ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* EUGENE WISOR <EWISOR@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 12 Apr 2012 23:50:42 -0400 (EDT)
- *Reply-to:* EWISOR@xxxxxxxx

I write to express my strong support of the council's original request of the Administrative Services Committee to develop a plan to reduce the use of plastic checkout bags in the city of Corvallis. A policy that would prohibit single-use plastic checkout bags at retail establishments throughout the City is the most effective means of reaching this goal which I strongly support. Such a ban must be balanced with an associated fee for paper checkout bags to help promote the use of reusable bags. Through your leadership, Corvallis can take yet another step towards sustainability with this small, but measurable action to remove plastic bags from our waste stream.

The economic and natural resource impacts of single-use bag pollution in inland and coastal communities throughout the state is alarming, yet eliminating this simple luxury of convenience can be a positive and simple step in sustainability. I'm also reminded of our state's historical leadership in being stewards of Oregon jobs and the environment through such acts as the Beach Bill and the Bottle Bill. Today, we are again presented with such an opportunity to be leaders by eliminating single-use plastic bags and I ask for your support on a local effort to ban plastic bags and keep the goal of "reducing the use" within a local context.

Oregonians use an estimated 1.7 billion single-use plastic bags every year. The state spends millions annually to clean up and landfill these littered bags, and millions of dollars are also spent by local governments to clean littered streets and waterways.

We can no longer recycle our way out of this problem. In fact, there are no plastic bags manufactured or recycling facilities in the state of Oregon. Despite efforts to expand recycling programs, less than 5% of plastic grocery bags (HDPE) are currently being recycled. The bags themselves present a problem for Oregon recyclers, entangling sorting machines accounting for up to 20% of their overhead costs

The rest of these bags end up in our landfills or as litter, entering stormdrain systems, and making their way to our waterways and ocean. It is estimated that 60-80% of all marine debris, and 90% of floating debris is plastic, mostly originating from land-based sources. Plastic lasts for hundreds of years in our environment and may never biodegrade in the ocean. As a result, they pose a persistent threat to wildlife. Each year, an estimated 1 million seabirds and 100,000 marine mammals die as a result of eating or being strangled by plastic and other marine debris.

Thanks for your time, please consider my comments in your deliberation of this issue and I'm confident Corvallis City Council can arrive at a positive and

measurable decision for this issue.

EUGENE WISOR

[REDACTED]
CORVALLIS, OR 97333

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <daeanarah@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sat, 14 Apr 2012 13:42:01 -0700
- *Cc:* <daeanarah@xxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Sat, 14 Apr 2012 13:42:33 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120414204233.79FC9156072@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Corvallis, OR 97333

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <lconniff@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sat, 14 Apr 2012 17:34:34 -0700
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- *Resent-date:* Sat, 14 Apr 2012 17:35:13 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
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corvallis, OR 97339

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- *Date:* Sat, 14 Apr 2012 08:32:59 -0700
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- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
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Philomath, OR 97370

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <danielfuson@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sun, 15 Apr 2012 21:39:32 -0700
- *Cc:* <danielfuson@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Sun, 15 Apr 2012 21:40:07 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
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[Redacted]
Corvallis, OR 97330

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <kcharlesbrown@xxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Tue, 17 Apr 2012 16:43:58 -0700
- *Cc:* <kcharlesbrown@xxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Tue, 17 Apr 2012 16:44:30 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
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Sincerely,

keith brown


corvallis, OR 97333

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <marilyn.tushar@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 18 Apr 2012 07:12:53 -0700
- *Cc:* <marilyn.tushar@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Wed, 18 Apr 2012 07:13:27 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120418141327.A394D15B067@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Marilyn Tushar

Corvallis, OR 97330

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <kaliecrangle@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 18 Apr 2012 10:36:01 -0700
- *Cc:* <kaliecrangle@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Wed, 18 Apr 2012 10:36:57 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
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Albany, OR 97321

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <kylepd35@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 18 Apr 2012 03:39:13 -0700
- *Cc:* <kylepd35@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Wed, 18 Apr 2012 03:39:44 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120418103944.B274815AB97@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Kyle Davis

Corvallis, OR 97333

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<web>Plastic Bags

- *To:* ward6@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* <web>Plastic Bags
- *From:* bbarnett.11@xxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Fri, 20 Apr 2012 19:36:51 -0700
- *Reply-to:* <bbarnett.11@xxxxxxxx>

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Beth Barnett
bbarnett.11@xxxxxxxx
prefer phone contact: no

City council:

I feel that the proposal of a plastic bag ban may on the surface seem like an environmentally forward thinking policy, but it would in reality be a token action with unintended consequences and little actual environmental improvement.

There is concern about plastic bags relating to ocean pollution, but I have not seen any convincing information to show how grocery store single-use plastic bags used and disposed of in Corvallis reach the ocean in any significant volume and become a threat there. Much of the plastic pollution in the ocean has come from coastal municipalities or communities that have outdated or nonexistent garbage handling. Many of those pollution sources are overseas. Another significant source of ocean plastic pollution is from container ship damage or loss of containers at sea, and some is from waste entering rivers that flow to the ocean. Do we have a significant problem here with garbage flowing into the Willamette?

Although the grocery bags are made from plastics, the amount of plastic is much lower than single-use water bottles and other bottles, non-food and other food packaging, etc. Overall, our use of plastic in packaging beverages and other products is more significant than grocery bags, which use thinner plastic and less material overall.

There is a known problem with plastic bags contaminating the recycling bins and damaging recycling sorters, but it seems unclear to me whether banning plastic bags for transporting groceries would resolve this problem. Residents may still contaminate the recyclable waste stream with other types of plastic bags. Better education about recycling, even something as simple as adding weather proof instructions on the recycling containers would go a long way toward improving the content of the recycling bins. A tax on bags may help fund this, but for the retailers, dealing with an extra tax will be an extra expense.

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- Reply-to: <bbarnett.11@xxxxxxxx>

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Beth Barnett

bbarnett.11@xxxxxxxx

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As I assess my collection of recyclable plastic film, which I personally collect to recycle at the AW facility, I find that I actually have more plastic film that originates from purchasing bulk foods, produce, toilet paper, bread, frozen vegetables, and other consumer products than I have grocery bags. This may be due to my usual effort to bring reusable bags with me to the store, but it is also due to the abundance of plastic film that comes from other packaging sources.

Would a switch to all paper bags in our city actually result in a net benefit in energy and resource use? It would definitely be a cost increase for retailers. Fossil fuels are used in the process of producing forest products - how much better is a paper bag if the full life cycle of the paper bag is considered?

Please think carefully and pragmatically before passing a ban. I apologize that I did not submit comments before the related survey was closed.
thank you -

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- *From:* <michelle.wolf@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Fri, 20 Apr 2012 15:24:11 -0700
- *Cc:* <michelle.wolf@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Fri, 20 Apr 2012 15:24:46 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120420222446.43A37502942@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Corvallis, OR 97330

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- *Date:* Sat, 21 Apr 2012 10:10:23 -0700
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- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120421171058.DD6F8503305@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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- To: ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: <web>Plastic Bag Ban
- From: andersj2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Sun, 22 Apr 2012 17:28:13 -0700
- Reply-to: <andersj2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:

Joe Anderson
andersj2@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
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Councilor O'Brien

It concerns me that the Corvallis City Council is considering banning plastic bags. If there were suddenly no plastic bags in Corvallis, what would I use to carry my lunch in? I don't want to drop 20 bucks on a new lunchbox, I can't take a paper bag (its Oregon, it rains here), and I don't have to money to buy lunch every day. What would I use to pick up my dog's poop on walks? Plastic bags that I buy? Lets be honest, faced with purchasing bags or the alternative of some extra fertilization on the sidewalks, many residents would choose the latter. I understand that part of the proposal also includes a 5 cent tax on paper bags. This sort of fee will have a negative impact on the low-income citizens and students (like myself) of Corvallis.

Also note that plastic bags are an incredibly small drop in the bucket with regards to all of the plastic that is used in Corvallis (to say nothing of the rest of the world). If plastic is really such an evil that it is made out to be, then why don't we do away with all plastic? Sure some of it is recycled, but recycling is expensive and much of that recycle stream is simply burned for heat in other countries.

A great alternative (I believe) can be found just north of us, in our neighbor Tigard, home to the small startup company Agilyx (<http://www.agilyx.com/>). Agilyx uses a novel technology to turn plastics (of any type) into oil, which can then be further processed (locally) into gasoline, thus reducing our dependence on foreign oil and creating needed jobs in the state of Oregon.

The effect of a plastic bag ban will be more of an inconvenience than an impact. Support the citizens of Corvallis by voting "no" on the bag ban, and get behind an industry that is looking to help Oregon.

Sincerely,
Joe Anderson

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- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <djngreg@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Tue, 24 Apr 2012 07:36:34 -0700
- *Cc:* <djngreg@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Tue, 24 Apr 2012 07:37:07 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120424143707.10D4750571E@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Don Gregerson
[Redacted]
Corvallis, OR 97333

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 - *From:* mayor
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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
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- *From:* <ibleedorange14@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Thu, 26 Apr 2012 21:58:06 -0700
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- *Resent-message-id:* <20120427045841.DC38250B3D0@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Mayor Manning,

Before you skip the form letter you have undoubtedly already received several times, please consider this non-form part of the letter:

Banning or taxing plastic bags in Corvallis is a huge mistake. For my extremely low-income family, we use our bags in lieu of plastic trash bags and foam peanuts. We use re-use them for various uses around the home. When our stock exceeds our (re)usage, we bring cloth bags to the store instead. Banning or taxing these bags will mean we have to purchase more plastic bags... it will not solve the problem, but rather it will just put my hard-earned money into the hands of whatever corporation I have to buy the bag from.

Furthermore, discouraging use of the plastic bag is a huge mistake for city commerce. On a rainy day, just how many people do you REALLY think are going to pay five cents for a paper bag when they are walking or biking home? Instead, they will go to the internet. I know that I will personally exclusively use amazon over any local business on a rainy day if a petty ban is the likely cause my purchase ending up on the parking lot instead of in house.

Ok, here is the form letter you are going to ignore anyways:

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Corvallis, OR 97330

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<web>Bag It Corvallis -- We Need the Ordinance Now!

- *To:* mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* <web>Bag It Corvallis -- We Need the Ordinance Now!
- *From:* mark.ingman@xxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Fri, 27 Apr 2012 12:23:07 -0700
- *Reply-to:* <mark.ingman@xxxxxxxx>

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:
 Mark Ingman
 mark.ingman@xxxxxxxx
 prefer phone contact: no

Good Afternoon,

I am a resident of Corvallis and I continue to see an alarming number of residents continue to use plastic bags. While public awareness of plastic waste problems and the practice of reusable bags are growing, we are simply not doing enough. Furthermore, it is clear corporate interests from outside of our community are working contrary to the health and welfare of Corvallis to oppose a plastic bag ban.

It is legally and morally indefensible for our city ordinances to fail to protect against the danger plastic waste and debris pose to aquatic life such as salmon, trout, invertebrates, and even terrestrial animals and livestock. The State and Federal statutes and programs are investing so much of our stretched public dollars to restore habitat for said species. The social and environmental costs of cheap plastic bags are externalized to our community for the profit of petrochemical companies.

Posing a ban or fee on plastic bags is the only responsible step for the Mayor and City Staff to take in order to not contradict the explicit intent of State and Federal habitat restoration Statutes and programs, as well as national energy policy aimed at reduced the nation's dependency on foreign oil.

Thank you for supporting BAG IT CORVALLIS!

Mark Ingman
 [REDACTED]
 Graduate Student
 Oregon State University

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- *From:* <tovah@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sun, 29 Apr 2012 20:15:31 -0700
- *Cc:* <tovah@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Sun, 29 Apr 2012 20:16:28 -0700 (PDT)
- *Resent-from:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-message-id:* <20120430031628.6214A50EE42@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Tovah O'Neill

Corvallis, OR 97333

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- *To:* <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* <navycec@xxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Wed, 2 May 2012 21:40:56 -0700
- *Cc:* <navycec@xxxxxxxx>
- *Resent-date:* Wed, 2 May 2012 21:41:29 -0700 (PDT)
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hendrik schoeman

corvallis, OR 97330

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Attachment F: Community Plastic Bag Survey

Responses to City of Corvallis Community Plastic Bag Survey

Received from March 9 through April 7, 2012

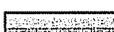
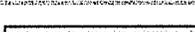
1. Are you a resident of the City of Corvallis?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	81.3%	884
No, I live in	<input type="checkbox"/>	18.8%	204
answered question			1,088
skipped question			5

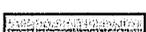
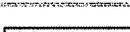
2. When you go shopping in Corvallis, what do you most often use to bring home your groceries and retail merchandise?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Plastic bags	<input type="checkbox"/>	28.8%	312
Paper Bags	<input type="checkbox"/>	11.8%	128
Reusable plastic or cloth bags	<input type="checkbox"/>	51.2%	556
Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	8.2%	89
answered question			1,085
skipped question			8

3. When you go shopping in Corvallis, how often do you use a plastic carry-out bag provided by the retailer?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Always		14.3%	155
Often		17.8%	193
Sometimes		26.2%	284
Rarely		31.2%	338
Never		10.4%	112
answered question			1,082
skipped question			11

4. When you go shopping, how often do you take your own reusable bags?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Always		22.3%	242
Often		31.2%	339
Sometimes		20.1%	218
Rarely		9.8%	106
Never		16.6%	180
answered question			1,085
skipped question			8

5. What barriers are there for you using reusable bags? (select all that apply)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Don't have any <input type="checkbox"/>	21.1%	223
Forget at home or in car <input type="checkbox"/>	65.4%	692
Not clean <input type="checkbox"/>	18.9%	200
Too expensive <input type="checkbox"/>	8.0%	85
Other (please specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	23.3%	246
	answered question	1,058
	skipped question	35

6. Please provide your opinion on options to reduce the use of single use plastic carry-out bags.

	In favor	Neutral	Not in favor	Response Count
Option 1 - Ban single use plastic carry-out bags, and place a fee, kept by the retailer, on paper bags.	50.2% (523)	7.4% (77)	42.4% (441)	1,041
Option 2 - A fee, kept by the retailer, on both paper and plastic carry-out bags. (No ban on plastic bags)	22.7% (223)	17.7% (174)	59.6% (586)	983
Option 3 - Voluntary education of and by retailers to encourage the use of reusable bags.	45.8% (447)	23.3% (227)	30.9% (301)	975
Option 4 - No action.	33.5% (296)	10.0% (88)	56.6% (500)	884
			Comment	279
			answered question	1,082
			skipped question	11

7. In your opinion, what fee amount per bag would reduce the use of single-use carry-out bags?

		Response Percent	Response Count
5 cents	<input type="checkbox"/>	17.6%	184
10 cents	<input type="checkbox"/>	17.4%	182
15 cents	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.9%	51
20 cents	<input type="checkbox"/>	3.9%	41
25 cents	<input type="checkbox"/>	25.3%	264
Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	30.8%	322
answered question			1,044
skipped question			49

8. Please describe what you do with plastic carry-out bags you receive?

	All	Most	Many	Some	Few	None	Rating Average	Response Count
Reuse then recycle	31.0% (288)	26.7% (248)	8.8% (82)	11.1% (103)	9.7% (90)	12.6% (117)	1.00	928
Reuse then throw away	13.4% (112)	21.5% (180)	10.7% (90)	16.6% (139)	24.2% (203)	13.6% (114)	1.00	838
Recycle	20.6% (163)	24.5% (194)	8.8% (70)	15.3% (121)	13.7% (108)	17.1% (135)	1.00	791
Throw away	3.1% (22)	3.2% (23)	2.9% (21)	12.0% (86)	41.4% (297)	37.4% (268)	1.00	717
Other (please specify)								189
answered question								1,061
skipped question								32

9. Where do you currently recycle your plastic carry-out bags? (select all that apply)

	Response Percent	Response Count
Retail or grocery stores	46.8%	499
Allied Waste recycling depot	29.3%	313
First Alternative Co-op recycling center	22.1%	236
Don't recycle plastic carry-out bags	16.8%	179
Other (please specify)	9.7%	103
	answered question	1,067
	skipped question	26

10. Do you think more recycling options are needed for plastic carry-out bags?

	Response Percent	Response Count
No	53.7%	565
Yes, please describe options	46.3%	488
	answered question	1,053
	skipped question	40

11. What barriers do you have to recycling plastic carry-out bags?

	Response Count
	750
answered question	750
skipped question	343

12. Additional comments you would like to provide.

	Response Count
	528
answered question	528
skipped question	565

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176	just outside the city limits north	Mar 12, 2012 12:33 PM
177	Washington DC, but I lived in Corvallis for two years. Feel free to disregard me...	Mar 12, 2012 11:51 AM
178	Albany but work in Corvallis	Mar 12, 2012 10:52 AM
179	Benton County, about 5 miles south of Corvallis	Mar 12, 2012 10:44 AM
180	just outside the city limits north of town.	Mar 12, 2012 10:06 AM
181	Corvallis, just outside city limits	Mar 12, 2012 9:05 AM
182	Albany	Mar 12, 2012 9:04 AM
183	Benton county	Mar 12, 2012 8:42 AM
184	Eugene	Mar 12, 2012 8:34 AM
185	Just outside the city limits	Mar 12, 2012 8:31 AM
186	the county just outside corvallis	Mar 12, 2012 6:58 AM
187	Salem	Mar 12, 2012 1:16 AM
188	the urban growth boundary	Mar 11, 2012 1:20 PM
189	unincorporated Corvallis	Mar 11, 2012 10:17 AM

Page 2, Q1. Are you a resident of the City of Corvallis?

190	Unincorporated Benton County	Mar 11, 2012 8:14 AM
191	Benton County	Mar 11, 2012 8:06 AM
192	Benton County in the Urban Growth Boundary	Mar 11, 2012 5:54 AM
193	No, I live with Debra Higbee Sudyka and John Gaylord just outside of city limits.	Mar 10, 2012 7:11 PM
194	Corvallis School district - Vineyard Mountain. Shop in Corvallis	Mar 10, 2012 4:33 PM
195	Lebanon, Oregon	Mar 10, 2012 4:28 PM
196	Maine (prior resident of Corvallis and plan to move back)	Mar 10, 2012 12:43 PM
197	Lebanon	Mar 10, 2012 9:45 AM
198	Philomath, OR	Mar 10, 2012 9:39 AM
199	philomath	Mar 10, 2012 9:17 AM
200	philomath	Mar 10, 2012 9:12 AM
201	corvallis address, but outside city limits	Mar 10, 2012 7:51 AM
202	Lewisburg area	Mar 10, 2012 12:40 AM
203	97330Corvallis Benton county	Mar 9, 2012 9:29 PM
204	outside city limits but in 97333 zip code	Mar 9, 2012 5:59 PM

Page 2, Q2. When you go shopping in Corvallis, what do you most often use to bring home your groceries and retail merchandise?

1	REUSEABLE CLOTH BAGS	Apr 6, 2012 3:03 PM
2	Resuable canvas bag	Apr 5, 2012 2:17 PM
3	Reusable cloth or mesh bags	Apr 5, 2012 1:00 PM
4	I use both plastic & cloth bags.	Apr 5, 2012 12:13 PM
5	Probably 50/50 - reusable or whatever the store hands out	Apr 4, 2012 4:16 PM
6	A mix of reusable and paper from the store.	Apr 4, 2012 3:41 PM
7	use both paper and plastic	Apr 4, 2012 1:54 PM
8	my hands	Apr 4, 2012 10:11 AM
9	all	Apr 3, 2012 5:14 PM
10	use both plastic and reuseable equally, reuse plastic for trash, and non-compostable yard pick up (dog & deer waste), to gather wet apples in the fall, to keep bread in to protect it in the freezer, and many other misc uses. Recycle what can.	Mar 30, 2012 7:05 PM
11	Cloth totes	Mar 30, 2012 3:57 PM
12	Plastic and Paper Bags	Mar 30, 2012 3:29 PM
13	combination of paper and plastic	Mar 30, 2012 10:35 AM
14	all three	Mar 30, 2012 7:38 AM
15	cloth shopping bags	Mar 26, 2012 10:08 AM
16	All of the above	Mar 21, 2012 8:04 PM
17	All three	Mar 20, 2012 4:07 PM
18	I use all three, depending on what and were I shop	Mar 20, 2012 11:46 AM
19	usually I load stuff loose in the truck	Mar 19, 2012 2:44 PM
20	cloth bags or bcardboard boxes	Mar 19, 2012 2:01 PM
21	Reusable Cloth bags	Mar 18, 2012 11:14 AM
22	Paper for recycle & plastic biodegradable for waste	Mar 17, 2012 1:45 PM
23	ONLY cloth reusable bags	Mar 17, 2012 1:24 PM
24	wine carrier bags	Mar 17, 2012 11:58 AM
25	I use what I deem suitable for myself and the environment	Mar 17, 2012 9:44 AM

Page 2, Q2. When you go shopping in Corvallis, what do you most often use to bring home your groceries and retail merchandise?

26	A mix of all three types	Mar 17, 2012 8:51 AM
27	some plastic, some paper~about 50/50	Mar 16, 2012 7:58 PM
28	plastic and paper bags	Mar 16, 2012 1:26 PM
29	both reusable bags and plastic bags -common, where is that option in this survey?	Mar 16, 2012 10:01 AM
30	cloth bags	Mar 15, 2012 9:47 PM
31	paper in plastic	Mar 15, 2012 6:42 PM
32	Both	Mar 15, 2012 4:35 PM
33	combination of plastic, paper, and reusable cloth bags	Mar 15, 2012 3:11 PM
34	cloth or boxes	Mar 15, 2012 12:56 PM
35	cloth reusable bags	Mar 15, 2012 12:15 PM
36	My own cloth/cotton bags	Mar 15, 2012 12:09 PM
37	PLASTIC AND PAPER	Mar 15, 2012 9:02 AM
38	I also use paper. I do not use cloth bags.	Mar 15, 2012 6:25 AM
39	equally paper bags, plastic and boxes	Mar 14, 2012 10:20 PM
40	Reusable cloth bags	Mar 14, 2012 7:53 PM
41	Combination of plastic & paper bags	Mar 14, 2012 5:33 PM
42	mostly cloth bags and sometimes paper bags	Mar 14, 2012 4:32 PM
43	I bring my own bags.	Mar 14, 2012 3:34 PM
44	an equal mix of paper and plastic.	Mar 14, 2012 3:09 PM
45	canvas bags	Mar 14, 2012 1:49 PM
46	plastic bags and reusable bags	Mar 14, 2012 1:27 PM
47	Recycled Paper Bags	Mar 14, 2012 1:18 PM
48	hands	Mar 14, 2012 12:55 PM
49	Most is a fine line, i use plastic, paper, no bags, boxes and reusable bags	Mar 14, 2012 11:48 AM
50	I bring my own handled, grocery-bag-sized bag	Mar 14, 2012 11:27 AM
51	cloth bags only	Mar 14, 2012 10:06 AM

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52	I make my own nylon bags	Mar 14, 2012 10:03 AM
53	Backpack	Mar 14, 2012 9:07 AM
54	reusable paper bags	Mar 14, 2012 8:43 AM
55	cloth bags or paper bags about 50/50	Mar 14, 2012 8:19 AM
56	Groceries in cloth; other items in plastic bags	Mar 14, 2012 8:04 AM
57	All - Plastic, Paper and reusable bags	Mar 14, 2012 7:45 AM
58	Some of each.	Mar 14, 2012 7:15 AM
59	clothe	Mar 13, 2012 8:16 PM
60	my arms	Mar 13, 2012 2:58 PM
61	reusable cloth or paper bags	Mar 13, 2012 12:44 PM
62	a mix of all 3	Mar 13, 2012 12:18 PM
63	all three depending on what I purchase	Mar 13, 2012 9:45 AM
64	Woven basket	Mar 13, 2012 9:04 AM
65	plastic and cardboard boxes, as well as reusable bags	Mar 13, 2012 7:42 AM
66	reusable paper or cloth bags	Mar 13, 2012 6:39 AM
67	all 3 of above	Mar 12, 2012 10:34 PM
68	my own bags or re-used paper or plastic	Mar 12, 2012 6:44 PM
69	cloth bag or bring my own	Mar 12, 2012 3:37 PM
70	Paper for all except frozen foods and milk. Ever had a milk jug leak in your bag?	Mar 12, 2012 2:20 PM
71	Bicycle panniers or trailer--no one-time-use bags taken from store	Mar 12, 2012 1:18 PM
72	backpack/bike basket or my cloth bags	Mar 12, 2012 1:18 PM
73	usually plastic bags and reusable plastic/cloth bags; or occasionally paper bags	Mar 12, 2012 12:38 PM
74	Walking, with a shopping cart	Mar 12, 2012 10:02 AM
75	boxes the store provides from their waste stream	Mar 12, 2012 9:41 AM
76	My hands	Mar 12, 2012 12:50 AM
77	Mainly cloth bags. Mesh for produce.	Mar 11, 2012 6:50 PM
78	All three. When I remeber them I use my re-usables.	Mar 11, 2012 5:01 PM

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79	cloth bags	Mar 11, 2012 2:49 PM
80	cloth bags, cardboard boxes, reused paper bags	Mar 10, 2012 11:19 PM
81	backpack	Mar 10, 2012 2:15 PM
82	Mix of plastic & reusable cloth. Groceries: cloth	Mar 10, 2012 2:05 PM
83	box, in arms	Mar 10, 2012 11:18 AM
84	cardboard boxes	Mar 10, 2012 10:39 AM
85	box from coop	Mar 10, 2012 6:21 AM
86	MULTIPLE USE BAGS	Mar 10, 2012 6:11 AM
87	about 50% plastic or paper (whatever they have), 50% reusable	Mar 10, 2012 12:40 AM
88	either paper or plastic; I don't care	Mar 10, 2012 12:14 AM
89	backpack	Mar 9, 2012 9:32 PM

Page 2, Q5. What barriers are there for you using reusable bags? (select all that apply)

1	Do not have enough to carry a full cart of groceries.	Apr 5, 2012 11:37 PM
2	NONE	Apr 5, 2012 1:00 PM
3	Impulse stop at stores.	Apr 5, 2012 9:40 AM
4	I like the plastic bags because I save them and use them for other things, like garden vegetables for the needy.	Apr 5, 2012 6:28 AM
5	Not large enough for some items, sometimes do not have enough bags with me	Apr 4, 2012 9:26 PM
6	I like plastic bags for my garbage bins, so I subconsciously sabotage my efforts to use reusables	Apr 4, 2012 4:57 PM
7	not enough for all the shopping	Apr 4, 2012 4:31 PM
8	Reuse of plastic bags at home important.	Apr 4, 2012 2:51 PM
9	I want to have my choice, depending on what I am buying. Most people who bring their own bags--bags look dirty. i don't even like to put my groceries on the same conveyer belt. let those who wish to bring own bags do so--leave the rest of us our choices.	Apr 4, 2012 1:54 PM
10	It's inconvenient. Why should I have to carry around bags? Do we carry around toilet paper to use the public restrooms???	Apr 4, 2012 1:53 PM
11	how many should i be required to carry	Apr 4, 2012 10:11 AM
12	bacterial cross contamination from leafy vegetables, meat, and poultry	Apr 4, 2012 9:50 AM
13	TOO SMALL FOR MANY RETAIL PURCHASES	Apr 4, 2012 8:35 AM
14	wet weather	Apr 4, 2012 3:26 AM
15	Don't need any as they are provided by stores	Apr 3, 2012 10:26 PM
16	Where is the check box for none? Biases survey toward there being a problem.	Apr 3, 2012 8:45 PM
17	Too bulky to carry more than a few. Always end up using plastic bags anyway.	Apr 3, 2012 5:23 PM
18	I don't know if I'm going to purchase anything or I want the other bags	Apr 3, 2012 5:14 PM
19	I re-use the plastic bags for garbage bags.	Apr 3, 2012 3:58 PM
20	Inconvenient. I reuse the plastic bags many times over	Apr 3, 2012 3:44 PM
21	none	Apr 3, 2012 12:51 PM
22	Don't bring enough into store	Apr 3, 2012 11:20 AM
23	I reused the store bags for garbage and crafts. easy to handle for elderly.	Apr 3, 2012 7:31 AM
24	I prefer choices not regulations	Apr 2, 2012 9:05 AM

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25	They are inconvenient.	Apr 2, 2012 7:56 AM
26	I have washed my reusable bags with no difficulty including removing liquid from a chicken that stained a bag.	Apr 1, 2012 7:36 PM
27	Don't want or need any	Mar 31, 2012 7:14 PM
28	Plastic bags are excellent for carrying numerous bags at the same time, and up one flight of stairs to our kitchen.	Mar 31, 2012 5:57 PM
29	I reuse the plastic bags for garbage disposal and litter pickup in my neighborhood.	Mar 31, 2012 12:53 PM
30	Alot of people I know use them at home for garbage bags.	Mar 31, 2012 11:49 AM
31	They are socioeconomically discriminatory	Mar 31, 2012 7:58 AM
32	I use paper bags to line my kitchen trash can.	Mar 31, 2012 7:04 AM
33	Need Paper bags for shredded paper so can recycle it (can't put loose shredded paper in recycle bin). Some items need to be in plastic as paper would tear when bag gets wet, some items are too messy for reuseable bags	Mar 30, 2012 7:05 PM
34	Inconvenience	Mar 30, 2012 3:09 PM
35	I do not like them.	Mar 30, 2012 11:56 AM
36	Too hard to carry alternatives, alternatives are not good for walking in the rain	Mar 30, 2012 11:53 AM
37	none	Mar 30, 2012 9:17 AM
38	Hi! It's me again 'lar05' I'll be voting using lots of different names from every hotspot I can find! I also have friends that are voting all over the country, but I told them to say they were from Corvallis...ha-ha	Mar 30, 2012 7:57 AM
39	Don't want any prefer the plastic that are convenient	Mar 29, 2012 12:47 PM
40	not a barrier as this kind of trumped up question doesn't apply, not a need so the question of barrier isn't applicable.	Mar 29, 2012 12:30 PM
41	Don't need one as plastic bags are provided	Mar 29, 2012 12:13 PM
42	None	Mar 28, 2012 3:51 PM
43	No barriers	Mar 27, 2012 5:32 PM
44	Difficult to use when combining errands on foot	Mar 27, 2012 9:31 AM
45	washing after every use is not very friendly to the environment	Mar 26, 2012 6:20 PM
46	Not good for meat purchases, don't always plan to shop ahead of time	Mar 25, 2012 5:41 PM
47	don't think to use them at retail stores	Mar 25, 2012 1:04 PM

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48	I use all plastic bags from shopping trips for garbage. None go to waste.	Mar 24, 2012 4:27 PM
49	I will switch purchasing products to other communities rather than be forced to use my own bags. I am offended by the audacity of the government telling stores and consumers what to do. I like how the plastic bags distribute the weight of the groceries and are easier to handle. I like that they are cleaner than re-using old cloth bags that get germey after awhile. I like that someone somewhere has a job making and distributing the bags.	Mar 24, 2012 1:47 PM
50	husband forgets!	Mar 21, 2012 8:21 PM
51	reuseable bags account for a significant source of salmonella and e-coli bacteria in the home	Mar 21, 2012 8:04 PM
52	don't have enough	Mar 21, 2012 6:12 AM
53	Use plastic bags at home for pet waste	Mar 21, 2012 3:44 AM
54	Sometimes usually just associate them with groceries instead of other purchases -- just need to remind ourselves!	Mar 20, 2012 9:29 PM
55	Use paper bags to hold recycling (no curbside service)	Mar 20, 2012 8:21 PM
56	I use the plastic bags for garbage (have a basket designed for them), so sometimes I get them to have to line the waste basket.	Mar 20, 2012 5:02 PM
57	I use plastic shopping bags as trashcan liners	Mar 20, 2012 3:54 PM
58	It rains a lot in Oregon. Paper bags are not strong enough to protect from rain and heavy items.	Mar 20, 2012 2:54 PM
59	unnecessary and inconvenient.	Mar 20, 2012 2:35 PM
60	When I forget my bags at home, I either buy a new one or carry what I purchase in my arms. How often do you see a person carrying a plastic bag with one item in it that they could have easily carried in one hand? All the time. It is just a matter of educating them by example. People just need to thin differently instead of following old patterns.	Mar 20, 2012 1:52 PM
61	lead in the print on most reuseable bags and i reuse plastic bags for garbage instead of buying garbage liners.	Mar 20, 2012 1:08 PM
62	Where do you store all those bags. It's the principle of the thing I think we should be free to choose and not be penalized.	Mar 20, 2012 12:47 PM
63	I like to use the store-supplied plastic bags to store other things and to keep my recycling items in.	Mar 20, 2012 12:20 PM
64	When I don't bring enough bags with me or shop more than planned.	Mar 20, 2012 9:46 AM
65	not sure about total energy cost of re-usables	Mar 20, 2012 9:31 AM
66	Sometimes I want bags for trash liners.	Mar 20, 2012 8:58 AM

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67	very inconvenient and I will not shop in Covallis if put in law.	Mar 20, 2012 8:01 AM
68	Don't want to have to do this	Mar 19, 2012 5:32 PM
69	Don't want to, prefer a plastic bag!	Mar 19, 2012 4:50 PM
70	none	Mar 19, 2012 4:07 PM
71	NONE. It's super easy, at least as a woman who carries a purse/bag anyway	Mar 19, 2012 3:49 PM
72	store does not have them available (if I have forgotten at home or run out of space)	Mar 19, 2012 2:37 PM
73	Very inconvenient for shopping at several different stores.	Mar 19, 2012 12:08 PM
74	too many needed to carry around for typical shopping trip	Mar 19, 2012 9:42 AM
75	99% of reusable bags are made in China	Mar 19, 2012 8:24 AM
76	Don't like them	Mar 19, 2012 8:22 AM
77	Having to go back to car to get bag!	Mar 18, 2012 8:51 PM
78	I reuse paper bags for my garbage	Mar 18, 2012 8:28 PM
79	I reuse the plastic bags for other purposes	Mar 18, 2012 2:02 PM
80	Plastic bags are 100% recyclable and made in the USA!	Mar 18, 2012 1:01 PM
81	I reuse the bags at home.	Mar 18, 2012 12:28 PM
82	I reuse plastic bags for dog poop on walks or in my backyard. If I need more, I get plastic. I always have cloth bags in my car.	Mar 18, 2012 11:56 AM
83	There are none	Mar 18, 2012 11:52 AM
84	Unclean	Mar 18, 2012 10:52 AM
85	Stores easily supply them as they should.	Mar 18, 2012 9:16 AM
86	Recycle bags are not safe in my store, people do not wash them.	Mar 17, 2012 9:34 PM
87	Hate them	Mar 17, 2012 6:45 PM
88	plastic bags only thing that works when walking back in the rain!	Mar 17, 2012 6:15 PM
89	Because I have other uses for plastic bags I want to use them	Mar 17, 2012 5:30 PM
90	Don't want to! Like the service provided by retailer of providing a bag!	Mar 17, 2012 4:40 PM
91	Other priorities	Mar 17, 2012 4:30 PM
92	its the stores responsibility to provide bags	Mar 17, 2012 2:52 PM

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93	unnecessary	Mar 17, 2012 2:41 PM
94	Our plastic bags ARE reusable. Misleading question.	Mar 17, 2012 2:37 PM
95	inconvenient	Mar 17, 2012 2:30 PM
96	Stupid idea	Mar 17, 2012 2:23 PM
97	Counter productive and studies show not valid issue	Mar 17, 2012 1:45 PM
98	No barriers! It's not that hard to remember and so many bags have been given away for free!	Mar 17, 2012 1:24 PM
99	Need plastic bags for other household uses	Mar 17, 2012 11:58 AM
100	they wear out	Mar 17, 2012 11:47 AM
101	it would be extremely inconvenient to have to carry bags around in case i stop at a store.	Mar 17, 2012 11:23 AM
102	What bag I use is my choice and not Corvallis' choice	Mar 17, 2012 9:44 AM
103	Often walk to store and don't want to carry bag to store	Mar 17, 2012 9:39 AM
104	I end up with more groceries than will fit in my cloth bags	Mar 17, 2012 8:51 AM
105	None really, after years of using reusables you don't usually forget them!	Mar 16, 2012 9:00 PM
106	sometimes I'm out walking and make an unplanned stop to shop and don't have a bag with me. It's better than driving back to the store!	Mar 16, 2012 7:58 PM
107	some stores have cashiers that are rude if they see you are using cloth.	Mar 16, 2012 7:41 PM
108	freedom to chose what I do, not what government orders	Mar 16, 2012 1:26 PM
109	Don't want to haul them around when I walk	Mar 16, 2012 1:19 PM
110	choose not to, reuse the retailer plastic bags at home	Mar 16, 2012 11:38 AM
111	They are not practical. I also re-use the plastic bags for lunch bags, and trash bags.	Mar 16, 2012 9:51 AM
112	totally unnecessary	Mar 16, 2012 9:24 AM
113	Paper and plastic bags are convenient and free.	Mar 16, 2012 1:34 AM
114	Don't want to!	Mar 15, 2012 11:35 PM
115	I reuse the plastic bags and need them.	Mar 15, 2012 9:34 PM
116	no barriers	Mar 15, 2012 9:15 PM
117	It's too easy to just use a plastic bad, even though I know they're bad.	Mar 15, 2012 7:57 PM

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118	Not enough ones to carry everything.	Mar 15, 2012 6:49 PM
119	Reusable bags are not versatile. I can't use reusable bags for dog poop pickup!	Mar 15, 2012 5:34 PM
120	Do not see the need to use them	Mar 15, 2012 5:11 PM
121	None	Mar 15, 2012 4:41 PM
122	Inconvenient to carry at all times, just in case I might decide to purchase from a local retailer.	Mar 15, 2012 1:25 PM
123	carting them around all the time and not clean	Mar 15, 2012 12:38 PM
124	Don't want to.	Mar 15, 2012 12:35 PM
125	Not provided free of cost by stores	Mar 15, 2012 12:26 PM
126	No barriers	Mar 15, 2012 12:09 PM
127	inconvenient	Mar 15, 2012 11:58 AM
128	I like paper bags too	Mar 15, 2012 11:56 AM
129	For one they are made in China and contain lead--and secondly I think the government needs to mind their own business and stay out of my life. I do not need you telling me what kind of bag in which to bring my groceries home. I reuse and recycle them.	Mar 15, 2012 11:23 AM
130	they can get food born spors that cannot be washed out and carry diseeseases. The plastic bags are reusable as trash bags, freezer bags and uses in the garden..	Mar 15, 2012 11:22 AM
131	STUPID IDEA	Mar 15, 2012 9:02 AM
132	won't hold all my groceries	Mar 15, 2012 7:30 AM
133	no barriers	Mar 15, 2012 6:43 AM
134	I am shopping for not only my own family, but for my childcare business as well,filling up the back end of a mini van for a months worth of groceries.	Mar 15, 2012 6:25 AM
135	a few stores (BiMart, Grocery Outlet) don't like you to bring in your own bags or backpacks due to shoplifting concerns	Mar 15, 2012 3:15 AM
136	All bag types except the current HDPE "throw-aways" are difficult to impossible to carry on bicycle handlebars, my usual way of shopping (except glass goes in the backpack).	Mar 15, 2012 2:11 AM
137	I do not have any barriers to using reusable bags	Mar 14, 2012 10:23 PM
138	I used to have some and they disapeared. I would often forget them. I need to get new ones.	Mar 14, 2012 10:20 PM
139	Inconvient	Mar 14, 2012 8:45 PM

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140	We are a low income family of 6. We use these plastic bags for many things. Such as, line small trash cans, clean out out litter boxes, pick up dog poop in our yard and when we walk our dog, crafts etc..... Banning these bags will not end the use of plastic bags. We as low income as we are would have to buy them. At a \$ cost to us we don't want to have to take on. plastic bags	Mar 14, 2012 7:36 PM
141	I don't want to.	Mar 14, 2012 7:02 PM
142	Stores pack them too full and I have hard time carrying them into my home. When plastic or paper is used I can handle them better.	Mar 14, 2012 7:02 PM
143	I choose paper and reuse them as garbage and compost bags.	Mar 14, 2012 6:22 PM
144	We re-use/recycle plastic bags numerous times	Mar 14, 2012 6:10 PM
145	I want the plastic bags for lining kitchen trash bin	Mar 14, 2012 5:58 PM
146	I reuse the plastic bags I get.	Mar 14, 2012 5:33 PM
147	Inconvenient	Mar 14, 2012 5:29 PM
148	If I'm shopping anywhere other than the grocery store, I don't think to bring the cloth bags with me.	Mar 14, 2012 4:32 PM
149	new tool for shoplifters; thus, a security problem for stores.	Mar 14, 2012 4:31 PM
150	Buy more groceries than fit in bags, messy food- leaks through cloth	Mar 14, 2012 4:02 PM
151	never know how much you will buy and how many bags you will need	Mar 14, 2012 3:53 PM
152	Each week, we use a couple retailer-provided bags to carry out our trash and organize our recycling.	Mar 14, 2012 3:25 PM
153	decide to shop on the way home without prior planning	Mar 14, 2012 2:56 PM
154	I take store bags to Trader Joe's & Market of Choice, but for as long as plastic bags are available, that is what I request at other stores. They provide holes for ease in carrying. I use for garbage so don't have to purchase garbage bags.	Mar 14, 2012 2:26 PM
155	I would need to carry around alot of them for my shopping.	Mar 14, 2012 2:15 PM
156	I like to use the store plastic bags to take out our home trash.	Mar 14, 2012 2:07 PM
157	don't care about it enough to bring my own bag	Mar 14, 2012 1:47 PM
158	the inconvenience of carrying bags around the stores not knowing whether or not you will need them nor how many you will need.	Mar 14, 2012 1:42 PM
159	too many groceries	Mar 14, 2012 1:04 PM
160	not practical	Mar 14, 2012 12:55 PM
161	not efficient for me	Mar 14, 2012 12:25 PM

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162	They do not expand correctly for carrying some groceries that I don't want to be sqished, don't hold in leakage either. Would have to have dozens of them the have enough in each vehicle for grocery shopping	Mar 14, 2012 12:23 PM
163	newer coop bags for veggie dept are only good for garbagege	Mar 14, 2012 12:02 PM
164	don't have on me all the time	Mar 14, 2012 11:48 AM
165	a hassel	Mar 14, 2012 11:42 AM
166	Unsanitary and I have enogh to do without having to wash them.	Mar 14, 2012 11:25 AM
167	Not sure how many bags to bring from home, based on the quantity and dimensions of my store purchases	Mar 14, 2012 11:07 AM
168	When I forget to bring them, or the shopping is unplanned.	Mar 14, 2012 11:06 AM
169	some produce is wet, needs separate plastic bag	Mar 14, 2012 11:05 AM
170	Washing the darn things to avoid spreading pathogens	Mar 14, 2012 10:57 AM
171	unexpected stop, no reusable bag on me	Mar 14, 2012 10:40 AM
172	not having enough with me: sometimes I will bring 3 with me, but need 4 or 5.	Mar 14, 2012 10:34 AM
173	Would have to take in several, not just one or two. And do not like the idea of putting my groceries into something that has been on the floor of my car.	Mar 14, 2012 10:32 AM
174	I prefer paper bags to support timber industry	Mar 14, 2012 10:30 AM
175	I'm a really big fan of reusing bags for shopping. I have started using Chico-type bags (thin cloth that stuffs into a *little* sack with a small carabiner). Portability is key for me. I have a couple stashed around (car, backpack) so generally have one with me. I also use cloth bags (the type available at stores, or given away as promotional incentives by insurance agencies and others) but I can't really stick one of those in my pocket. Also, I like using mesh produce bags rather than the plastic ones (which are also easy to stick in my pocket). Many people walk or ride bikes to the store, so taking along the larger cloth bags may not be as convenient (and therefore less appealing).	Mar 14, 2012 10:23 AM
176	Having more items than will fit in bags brought in.	Mar 14, 2012 10:02 AM
177	Because I don't want too. I don't like them and I am not going to use them.	Mar 14, 2012 10:01 AM
178	recycle plastic bags at Food Pantry and at home	Mar 14, 2012 9:57 AM
179	Leave in car and then get lazy.	Mar 14, 2012 9:57 AM
180	Not provided for free by retailers.	Mar 14, 2012 9:57 AM
181	hassle to bring own bags	Mar 14, 2012 9:55 AM
182	not convenient	Mar 14, 2012 9:54 AM

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183	Reuse plastic bags for other purposes	Mar 14, 2012 9:49 AM
184	seems normal in grocery stores, but weird buying clothing, other items	Mar 14, 2012 9:29 AM
185	Making unplanned purchases when out for walk, so don't have a reusable bag with me	Mar 14, 2012 9:29 AM
186	forget	Mar 14, 2012 9:25 AM
187	Serious lead and ecoli issues w/ this bags.	Mar 14, 2012 9:22 AM
188	I have a family with 3 children, i would have to carry about 20 of these little bags for my weekly winco rip. so, i would clealy have to make a special plan to bring the bags, oh and wash them too, cause i dont have enough laundry to do already ;) but the bags once you put say chopmeat in them, need to be washed to be sanitary. oh and ofcourse i'dhave to go out and buy 20 reusable bags too.	Mar 14, 2012 9:17 AM
189	don't want to be bothered	Mar 14, 2012 9:03 AM
190	they are bulky and the number needed for a big shopping trip is too hihgh	Mar 14, 2012 8:43 AM
191	Inconvenient	Mar 14, 2012 8:16 AM
192	I dislike seeing dirty reusable bags put on the check out counter knowing that that is when my food will be.	Mar 14, 2012 8:13 AM
193	don't want to mix products and groceries; would require a set of bags for each use	Mar 14, 2012 8:04 AM
194	Often just forget that I should use	Mar 14, 2012 7:46 AM
195	Bleeding meat and other messy items need containment	Mar 14, 2012 7:37 AM
196	Inconvenient	Mar 13, 2012 11:21 PM
197	No "barriers" don't want to	Mar 13, 2012 9:57 PM
198	Don't want to use them, prefer plastic	Mar 13, 2012 8:18 PM
199	reuse the plastic bags at home	Mar 13, 2012 7:08 PM
200	Need multiple bags of unknown quantity. It will not remedy any of the problems stated by the bag-ban folks.	Mar 13, 2012 4:15 PM
201	I need/want plastic bags to use at home.	Mar 13, 2012 3:59 PM
202	There are no barriers. Once you get in the habit of remembering, it is second nature.	Mar 13, 2012 3:57 PM
203	I want some paper and plastic bags for reuse	Mar 13, 2012 12:18 PM
204	Cost of paper bags already figured in price of groceries	Mar 13, 2012 11:44 AM
205	These bags have tro be washed eveytime you use them. They carry the germs	Mar 13, 2012 10:12 AM

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	from the previous shopping trip.	
206	I often remember when grocery shopping, but for some reason I rarely think to bring my own bag in to non-grocery stores.	Mar 13, 2012 9:27 AM
207	For take-out food, never think to bring it/it's always already waiting for me in a bag...	Mar 13, 2012 7:26 AM
208	Imprecise, inconvenient for impromptu, on-the-go needs	Mar 13, 2012 7:09 AM
209	Sometimes I don't bring as many cloth bags as I need to	Mar 13, 2012 1:48 AM
210	Plastic bags work well as trash bags for the trash cans at my house	Mar 12, 2012 8:29 PM
211	Don't want to bother	Mar 12, 2012 8:16 PM
212	Frozen foods, meat, produce	Mar 12, 2012 7:05 PM
213	none	Mar 12, 2012 4:52 PM
214	Don't always have enough reusables with me.	Mar 12, 2012 4:34 PM
215	Don't have any barriers--not bags! I do have bags	Mar 12, 2012 3:40 PM
216	forgot or unexpected purchase	Mar 12, 2012 3:00 PM
217	I do not have storage at my home. I would have to carry around 10 bags at least.	Mar 12, 2012 2:48 PM
218	Big PITA and what if it all doesn't fit!!	Mar 12, 2012 2:18 PM
219	convenience	Mar 12, 2012 2:11 PM
220	None.	Mar 12, 2012 1:18 PM
221	no desire	Mar 12, 2012 12:49 PM
222	I re-use the plastic bags for cleaning out the cat litter box, so I like to get them.	Mar 12, 2012 11:10 AM
223	Sometimes I do not bring enough	Mar 12, 2012 10:56 AM
224	Impromptu stop at the store (but I usually try to carry as much out as I can in my hands then)	Mar 12, 2012 10:51 AM
225	no barriers	Mar 12, 2012 10:07 AM
226	there are always waste boxes at every store that they have to get rid of, so I use these, and then I recycle them	Mar 12, 2012 9:41 AM
227	reuse the plastic bags at home so they are useful	Mar 12, 2012 9:05 AM
228	Use plastic for certain items	Mar 12, 2012 8:55 AM
229	having enough of them	Mar 12, 2012 8:42 AM

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230	not good for meat. I don't travel with them.	Mar 12, 2012 7:48 AM
231	cloth bags are not air proof and certain foods get stale if exposed to air too long	Mar 11, 2012 8:20 PM
232	I find it easy to do, though I understand it may be difficult for some.	Mar 11, 2012 6:50 PM
233	Our leaders, peers, governments do not openly support or promote it.	Mar 11, 2012 10:17 AM
234	I first checked 'don't have any' because I don't have any barriers. However that answer might mean I don't have any bags, which is not the case. My answer is, I don't have any barriers for using reusable bags.	Mar 10, 2012 11:19 PM
235	I don't like to having to remember another item to carry with me. When I buy about 4 or less items, I simply use my purse as my reusable bag. I deliberately buy a somewhat larger purses so I can implement this plan. If my purse is not big enough, I will get a paper or plastic bag. My husband makes frequent small trips to the grocery store as part of his daily exercise. He uses a backpack and sometimes plastic bags.	Mar 10, 2012 2:15 PM
236	training to remember to always carry and take from car	Mar 10, 2012 1:28 PM
237	Frankly, the option to do otherwise. It's slightly more convenient not to have to grab a bag from home, but I think for me personally it would be reasonably easy to adapt to that new habit if a bag ban necessitated it. I almost always bring my own cloth bag for grocery shopping but rarely for other kinds of shopping. I shop primarily at the co-op and really appreciate the re-used cardboard boxes they provide to customers.	Mar 10, 2012 1:24 PM
238	I need plastic bags to reuse as garbage bags	Mar 10, 2012 11:05 AM
239	Plastics are there, so I don't think about bringing them always	Mar 10, 2012 9:45 AM
240	I use plastic bags at home	Mar 10, 2012 8:52 AM
241	Forgot it in the car.	Mar 10, 2012 8:37 AM
242	I need some discardable bags at home: Garbage etc.	Mar 10, 2012 12:40 AM
243	Forget to take into the store	Mar 10, 2012 12:11 AM
244	Want paper bags as trash liners at home and plastic ones for kitty litter disposal	Mar 9, 2012 11:57 PM
245	Forget about one a month	Mar 9, 2012 11:08 PM
246	if I forget I use a box or hand carry	Mar 9, 2012 5:59 PM

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1	this isn't important city business	Apr 7, 2012 6:09 PM
2	Plastic bags are much stronger and handier than paper.	Apr 5, 2012 11:37 PM
3	The present system works. Why change it???	Apr 5, 2012 10:42 PM
4	This is a huge waste of Public Officials time and resources	Apr 5, 2012 5:09 PM
5	Education Should be a component of Option 1	Apr 5, 2012 1:00 PM
6	Banning plastic bags will be just another step to us becoming a "nanny state". That's got to stop now!	Apr 4, 2012 5:42 PM
7	What would the retailer do with the fee in option #2?	Apr 4, 2012 3:55 PM
8	Must we legislate EVERYTHING? This is another control on people that is overkill.	Apr 4, 2012 2:51 PM
9	Just because people don't agree with your liberal outlook does not mean we need to be "educated" to your way of thinking. Please leave the plastic and paper bags as they are. Find another project .	Apr 4, 2012 1:54 PM
10	its hard to fix carelessness	Apr 4, 2012 10:11 AM
11	Let's hope various levels of govt will someday get back to the basics.	Apr 4, 2012 10:05 AM
12	I am in favor of banning the use of single use plastic bags but very much against the government mandating fees to be charged and kept by private businesses. That would be a very bad precedent. What's next? I'm sure the airlines would love it if the government would require customers to pay all the fees they charge. Retailers can now impose their own fees on the use of bags if they wish. They do not need the government to mandate those fees. What percentage of people do you think will really wash their reusable bags to prevent diseases such as listeria? Will they really use a separate reusable bag for such things a chicken and then not use it for fresh fruit and vegetables--or vice versa?	Apr 4, 2012 7:39 AM
13	Of the two I prefer option 2	Apr 4, 2012 7:26 AM
14	Ban all single use point-of-purchase carry-out bags. There is no clear evidence that paper bags are any less environmentally damaging than plastic.	Apr 3, 2012 10:44 PM
15	A reference to the accomodation to small businesses might have changed the responses you received.	Apr 3, 2012 8:45 PM
16	Why not just encourage people to reuse their 'single-use' plastic bags, which is what I would do if they start charging a fee.	Apr 3, 2012 5:23 PM
17	city shouldn't be spending time on this	Apr 3, 2012 5:14 PM
18	Give paper bags instead. Plastic only if requested	Apr 3, 2012 4:39 PM
19	A non-serious non-problem looking or a solution	Apr 3, 2012 3:44 PM
20	do not ban plastic bags!	Apr 3, 2012 3:41 PM

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21	This is a waste of time and energy. Spend time on things that will have a real impact on tax payers such as reducing government waste and spending (synonymous), and getting people back to work	Apr 3, 2012 3:32 PM
22	There is no need for plastic bags at all	Apr 3, 2012 3:31 PM
23	ban plastic bags, allow paper (free), encourage reusable	Apr 3, 2012 1:42 PM
24	Why can't one of the options be to ban plastic bags and have no fees on paper bags? Why such negative repercussions for forgetting my bags? We're human	Apr 3, 2012 11:53 AM
25	I think education should accompany all options.	Apr 3, 2012 11:20 AM
26	More community education and 2 - 4 additional recycle collection stations for plastic films	Apr 2, 2012 9:05 AM
27	I do not believe it is local government responsibility to regulate personal preferences, such as the type of bags used at retailers.	Apr 2, 2012 7:56 AM
28	I RECYCLE all of our plastic bags. Put your efforts into providing incentives to encourage others, and to increase others ease to recycle.	Mar 31, 2012 5:57 PM
29	This survey, because it is not a random sample and self-selecting is of course not a valid public process. It is typical Corvallis smug laziness and intellectual dishonesty.	Mar 31, 2012 7:58 AM
30	It seems like only economic incentives make changes begin to occur.	Mar 31, 2012 7:04 AM
31	There are options for plastic bags now, they can be recycled and I use mine for many things.	Mar 30, 2012 9:06 PM
32	I am totally against any legislation in this area	Mar 30, 2012 7:05 PM
33	We reuse or recycle all of our plastic bags. We are tired of the city telling us how to live.	Mar 30, 2012 7:00 PM
34	Retailers dont have time to educate and its not their business to do so. Its a personal choice. I use reusable bags, but I also recycle all of my plastic film and the occasional bag I'm left with. Seriously - we need a law and/or fee related to this? Nonsense. The proponents of the ban obviously don't care about trees. Have you seen the amount of paper they have submitted? Over and over and over? Same stuff - over and over and over. Hypocrites.	Mar 30, 2012 4:10 PM
35	education is better than laws	Mar 30, 2012 3:57 PM
36	Choice should be left up to the retailer. Let consumers drive the change.	Mar 30, 2012 3:09 PM
37	r	Mar 30, 2012 11:56 AM
38	Tax, Tax, TAX!	Mar 30, 2012 7:57 AM
39	This is great that I can take this survey over and over again. The Sierraclub told me to clear my cache in between each time! cool!	Mar 30, 2012 7:53 AM

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40	If there's going to be a fee it should not be kept by the retailer (unless they're paying an equal amount in tax) Reducing the number of bags in circulation should not be an excuse to increase profits for retailers	Mar 26, 2012 8:20 PM
41	Encourage voluntary recycling of plastic bags. I walk often and have only seen a very few bags in the environment. I as well as many other walkers pick up these bags. Recyclin	Mar 26, 2012 6:20 PM
42	EVERYONE that uses plastic bags reuse them for other purposes. Plastic bags provide tens of thousands of well-paying jobs in the US. Gov't should stay out the nannying and leave it up to individuals to decide what type of bags to use.	Mar 25, 2012 5:41 PM
43	in favor of ban on single use plastic carry-out bags	Mar 25, 2012 1:04 PM
44	Reduce city employee/manager numbers	Mar 25, 2012 7:28 AM
45	I like grocery store plastic bags - they are great for kitchen garbage and waste.	Mar 24, 2012 4:27 PM
46	Do you think we are all living in a vacume just because we disagree with the assumptions driving this proposal? We do not need to educate anyone. It shouldn't be done.	Mar 24, 2012 1:47 PM
47	Its time to get rid of plastic bags	Mar 22, 2012 2:32 PM
48	I believe education is a priority.	Mar 21, 2012 8:21 PM
49	You frame the question - in reality your acts are at best performed under the 'color' of authority.	Mar 21, 2012 8:04 PM
50	The City Council doesn't have to make life miserable for all 55,000 citizens just because a few hundred of them think they know what's best for everyone else. Is the budget problem solved? Are all crimes done away with? Are the streets free of potholes? Get your priorities straight!	Mar 21, 2012 3:44 AM
51	Education about food safety and washing reusable bags. Not sure how this survey is useful? The person who told me about it is not from Corvallis but supports the movement so is taking the survey...	Mar 20, 2012 9:49 PM
52	If there is a fee, why not have it go toward a conservation effort, like beach clean up?	Mar 20, 2012 5:44 PM
53	I'm concerned about the effect of fees on poor people. If the fee for paper bags was low enough, option 1 would be better.	Mar 20, 2012 5:02 PM
54	This whole thing is stupid. Leave me alone to use whatever bags I want! And not pay more to ease your personal guilt feelings.	Mar 20, 2012 4:13 PM
55	We recycle our plastic bags	Mar 20, 2012 3:25 PM
56	Isnt it about time you guys focused your efforts to worthwhile endeavors with actual meaning? How about making this city more buisness friendly to promote jobs?	Mar 20, 2012 2:35 PM
57	I occasionally need paper bags at home for reuse, so I will occasionally request	Mar 20, 2012 1:52 PM

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	a paper bag. I do not mind paying for it when I need it. No one should use plastic bags. They do too much damage to wildlife and the ocean - not to mention they are made with petrochemicals.	
58	maybe give incentives(like a 25 cent discount instead of charging a fee) to people who bring their own instead of telling people they have to bring their own	Mar 20, 2012 1:08 PM
59	It is so easy to use re-useable bags. The "dirty" issue is not a question--I use cloth bags, which are stronger and easy to throw in the laundry.	Mar 20, 2012 12:31 PM
60	People are already struggling to make ends meet in this horrible economic climate...why impose more fees, or cause the retailers to add more fees that will be passed on to the customers?	Mar 20, 2012 12:20 PM
61	We really need to drastically reduce use of plastic as it is environmentally destructive.	Mar 20, 2012 9:46 AM
62	What kind of fees? I don't want the city to require a retailer to charge a fee? I like the idea of encouraging and educating. Gradually, people are shifting to reusable bags, but the change should not be forced and it is ok for it to be gradual.	Mar 20, 2012 8:58 AM
63	Ban plastic bags and paper. Sell reusable bags at checkout for people who do not bring their own.	Mar 20, 2012 8:18 AM
64	Made my comment in #5	Mar 20, 2012 8:01 AM
65	Ban plastic bags entirely, replace with consumer purchased re-usable cloth bags	Mar 20, 2012 7:39 AM
66	Ban plastic bags, but no fee on paper bags. Also, fee should go to city not to retailer.	Mar 19, 2012 7:47 PM
67	Option 3 should be provided with Option 1	Mar 19, 2012 6:18 PM
68	I believe individuals should be allowed to make choices	Mar 19, 2012 2:44 PM
69	We lived without plastic bags in the recent past and can do it again. The adjustment period will be short.	Mar 19, 2012 12:59 PM
70	We already pay for plastic bags	Mar 19, 2012 12:08 PM
71	Why should retailers benefit from fees when the issue is over environmental concerns? Some retailers keep their produce wet, so plastic bags are almost mandatory.	Mar 19, 2012 9:40 AM
72	Encourage people to recycle plastic bags.	Mar 19, 2012 8:22 AM
73	I really prefer banning the plastic bags and receiving a rebate for reusing the paper bags	Mar 18, 2012 8:28 PM
74	would prefer ban, but will accept fee	Mar 18, 2012 2:51 PM
75	Could not answer on survey. Choice is Option 3	Mar 18, 2012 2:29 PM

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76	I am in favor of banning single use plastic carry-out bags, but not in favor of imposing fees either way.	Mar 18, 2012 2:12 PM
77	Since I reuse the bags, any of these actions would be a hardship to me	Mar 18, 2012 2:02 PM
78	Don't ban or charge for bags! Corvallis is already an expensive city!	Mar 18, 2012 1:01 PM
79	Stop this nonsense and leave bags alone!!!	Mar 18, 2012 12:28 PM
80	Require retailers to use 100% oxo-biodegradable plastic bags.	Mar 18, 2012 11:56 AM
81	Government intervention is not needed on this issue	Mar 18, 2012 11:52 AM
82	I am in charge of my own social engineering. I am not stupid. I work to pay taxes that pays for government.	Mar 17, 2012 10:04 PM
83	Stay out it	Mar 17, 2012 8:40 PM
84	Why a FEE on paper...the RENEWABLE resource?	Mar 17, 2012 5:43 PM
85	Why penalize and remove jobs of the plastic bag manufacturers	Mar 17, 2012 4:40 PM
86	You people don't seem to understand that with every regulation you eliminate someones job(s)!	Mar 17, 2012 3:38 PM
87	Why is the government getting involved in forcing me what to do ?	Mar 17, 2012 2:52 PM
88	An abusive, pretentious intrusion by city council	Mar 17, 2012 2:37 PM
89	just make recycling easier. I recycle both paper and plastic.	Mar 17, 2012 2:30 PM
90	Get out of our lives. We want freedom not the tyranny you bring.	Mar 17, 2012 2:23 PM
91	You're asking people to buy Chinese bags, contaminated after 1 use in order to eliminate bags made locally out of garbage-materials and which are recyclable after use? You're NUTS!	Mar 17, 2012 2:19 PM
92	This is facilitator mentality. Make them all biodegradable	Mar 17, 2012 1:45 PM
93	Another tax,fee-really	Mar 17, 2012 1:44 PM
94	I would be in favor of a fee on plastic bags only, not on paper bags.	Mar 17, 2012 1:05 PM
95	We reuse at home and recycle at Disposal site	Mar 17, 2012 12:51 PM
96	if you're goig to stop single use plastic bags, why not stop stores selling trash bags?	Mar 17, 2012 11:23 AM
97	Bag the ban! Corvallis is out of line on this issue!	Mar 17, 2012 9:44 AM
98	Ban goes too far. We reuse and recycle plastic carefully.	Mar 17, 2012 9:39 AM
99	LEAVE US ALONE!	Mar 17, 2012 8:51 AM

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100	Option 5 - A discount awarded per reusable bag used. No fee on paper or plastic, no ban on plastic.	Mar 17, 2012 1:40 AM
101	The costs of plastic bag use to our environment is too great to be compensated for monetarily.	Mar 16, 2012 9:00 PM
102	Why are paper bags even involved in this issue? And why should I assume a retailer's expense? It would seem that the grocers' support was bought with the .5cent fee.	Mar 16, 2012 7:58 PM
103	Retailers have already been educating and giving lots of opportunities for people to switch to reusable bags (placing them near checkout, discounts on bags, free promo bags, cents off for reuse, reminders in parking lot and at door about forgotten bags). People are too lazy for their own good and the option 3 would just be preaching to the choir and would not help the problem.	Mar 16, 2012 7:41 PM
104	Encourage plastic recycling (grocery stores have bins)	Mar 16, 2012 1:26 PM
105	How about an option of banning single-use plastic bags, and *not* requiring a fee on paper ones?	Mar 16, 2012 12:43 PM
106	I assume the fee would be \$.06 or something similar.	Mar 16, 2012 11:48 AM
107	I'm really in favor of the city council keeping out of the business of social engineering people. It's not a government choice, it is a private choice. Plastic bags have many reuse benefits. You don't give the option in your survey to NOT reduce the use of plastic bags.	Mar 16, 2012 11:38 AM
108	no problem exists; plastic bags are being recycled.	Mar 16, 2012 9:24 AM
109	Stay out of the lives of the private citizen! Your job is run the government not our lives!	Mar 16, 2012 4:53 AM
110	Bans are bad in general...what's next?????	Mar 16, 2012 4:50 AM
111	Place fee on use of plastic bags to go to a sustainable cause	Mar 16, 2012 12:36 AM
112	Quit meddling with businesses!	Mar 15, 2012 11:35 PM
113	Would prefer degradable cornstarch plastic bags; we use grocery bags as kitchen garbage bags rather than having to buy plastic bin liners.	Mar 15, 2012 9:46 PM
114	My favorite, by far, is Option 1. Many people don't do the right thing unless given no other option.	Mar 15, 2012 9:02 PM
115	I've seen the results of banning bags in Kauai, and the results are wonderful! However, there is danger and false value in too much government interference in our lives. Also, it isn't the business of government to give these fees to enterprises Or to tax them for it. Either option is wrong.	Mar 15, 2012 8:51 PM
116	We are concerned about contaminated bags routinely used by consumers being brought into the areas where we purchase our food. Unless you want to control the laundering of these bags (and you can't) then you must accept that you are creating a significant health hazard as an unintended consequence.	Mar 15, 2012 8:08 PM

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117	Just ban them!	Mar 15, 2012 7:57 PM
118	There is no need for the city to spend time on this issue. Use your time for important items such as the budget, public safety, and promoting growth	Mar 15, 2012 6:27 PM
119	Corvallis citizens are NOT destroying the planet with plastic bags. There would be little impact of a ban other than self-satisfied pressure groups. There would still be too many people on the planet. Untreated sewage going into the oceans from the developing world. Enormous amounts of CO2 going into the atmosphere. Banning 5 gram plastic bags is a specious, non impactful act. Grow up. Get real.	Mar 15, 2012 5:34 PM
120	Couldn't access: in favor of option 4; against option 1	Mar 15, 2012 5:09 PM
121	Introduce a fee for bags (plastic and paper) and donate the proceeds to charity - not to be kept by the store.	Mar 15, 2012 5:07 PM
122	There is no good reason for single-use plastic bags provided at the point of sale. They are the antithesis of sustainability; they are bad for the environment, bad for people, and a waste of money. No legs on that stool.	Mar 15, 2012 3:29 PM
123	I will be less likely to purchase items in Corvallis if I can't protect my purchase from the rain or have to pay a fee to do so.	Mar 15, 2012 1:25 PM
124	Option #3 is already used by just about any major retailer, but plastic bags are still a pollution problem.	Mar 15, 2012 12:46 PM
125	Please ban plastic bags. What 1st Alternative Coop is doing is best	Mar 15, 2012 12:37 PM
126	ban plastic and provide paper for free	Mar 15, 2012 12:15 PM
127	Option 1 will "strongly encourage" folks to bring their own bags from home.	Mar 15, 2012 12:09 PM
128	Please let things remain as they are!	Mar 15, 2012 12:07 PM
129	Again stay out of my life, my pocket book--we need no more fees--too many as it is.	Mar 15, 2012 11:23 AM
130	Option 2 carries no incentive for the retailer to promote paper bag use. They will still favor plastic and pocket the difference. Voluntary education and fees create little change- observe that most large retailers now have a 2-5 cent refund for using your own bag. Very little influence.	Mar 15, 2012 10:52 AM
131	Ban plastic bags and no fee, this would be an added tax which would impact smaller businesses.	Mar 15, 2012 9:27 AM
132	we reuse (multiple times) our plastic bags	Mar 15, 2012 7:30 AM
133	I reuse and repurpose plastic bags in my home	Mar 15, 2012 7:29 AM
134	Option 3 - retailers already do this	Mar 15, 2012 7:28 AM
135	I reuse all my bags---keep your noses out of our choices	Mar 15, 2012 7:12 AM

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136	If corvallis bans plastic grocery bags, then I will shop in albany.	Mar 15, 2012 6:25 AM
137	kill the source of the pollution,employ locals in timber industry	Mar 15, 2012 4:25 AM
138	Charge for all bags for now and ban plastic bags in 1 year once people are used to bringing their own.	Mar 15, 2012 4:07 AM
139	Retailers should be allowed to charge or not charge whatever they want for any type of bag they want, no law needed. The best store (Winco) does it perfectly.	Mar 15, 2012 2:11 AM
140	band plastic carry-out bags. Only use paper. Discount reusable bags or sell super cheap ones at counter.	Mar 15, 2012 1:43 AM
141	I like the businesses that make empty boxes available.	Mar 14, 2012 9:09 PM
142	Ikea requires customers to bring their own bags or purchase paper bags and does not provide plastic bags. No problem for them adn their customers. What's our challenge?	Mar 14, 2012 8:41 PM
143	I think it's kind of nice to have plastic bags available at places like bookstores, but the fee idea would help encourage the use of re-usable bags.	Mar 14, 2012 8:16 PM
144	Education is a good idea if people would take the time to listen or read the information provided them. But a ban is not the answer. You will never be rid of plastic bags. People will just have to buy them.	Mar 14, 2012 7:36 PM
145	Voluntary actions are well documented as being costly and not acheiving a reduction in plastic bag use, a fee may help curb usage of plastic bags but it doesn't remove them from the wastestream, a ban is most effective at desired outcome of reducing plastic bag use	Mar 14, 2012 7:26 PM
146	This is an issue between retailer and customer. Govt. has no right to dictate how a business operates.	Mar 14, 2012 7:02 PM
147	fees are not acceptable!	Mar 14, 2012 7:02 PM
148	Not in favor of a fee imposed on paper.bags.	Mar 14, 2012 6:22 PM
149	In this day in age, we ABSOLUTELY have to do all we can to be environmentally conscious as a society of this issue, whether you are for, neutral or against it!!	Mar 14, 2012 4:32 PM
150	Why do we need something like this when there are already litter ordinances? What happened to making a simple reminder to put trash in the waste cans?	Mar 14, 2012 4:31 PM
151	Switch to just paper bags and encourage stronger discounts for using reusable bags. Do not place any additional fees on the retailer	Mar 14, 2012 4:27 PM
152	Why are we going after the consumers and not the producers. If it was illegal to make them then there wouldn't be a problem. I dislike the government making choices for individuals	Mar 14, 2012 4:02 PM
153	Educate the public to recycle plastic carry-out bags	Mar 14, 2012 4:00 PM
154	Plastic bags are not the problem. Overall costs are less than paper. People are	Mar 14, 2012 3:53 PM

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	the problem.	
155	Option 1 is best, but no fee on paper bags...bags have always been free to consumers.	Mar 14, 2012 3:34 PM
156	The many costs of plastic waste in our environment and to our human health, while not always direct costs, a never factored into the cost of plastic bags. Ban them. If fits under the legal penumbra of "Public Benefit," and hence lawmakers have the authority to ban them.	Mar 14, 2012 3:16 PM
157	There should be yet another option that seems more reasonable to achieve the goal of reducing use of plastic bags: ban plastic bags but charge NO FEE for paper bags. Leave that decision to the retailer, then I can choose where I want to spend my money, which may not be at a store that charges me 5 cents to save themselves the cost of the bag. Why is the city in the business of forcing a business expense (the bag) on the consumer. Combine this approach with education and you won't leave citizens feeling like a bag ban is being forced on them. PLEASE keep in mind that we all feel like stakeholders in this issue. Thank you for doing this survey.	Mar 14, 2012 3:09 PM
158	I prefer option 1, and am in favor of option 3 only if it is used in conjunction with option 1.	Mar 14, 2012 2:56 PM
159	I think we should have a paper bag or reusable bag option ONLY!	Mar 14, 2012 2:16 PM
160	Not the City of Corvallis's job to regulate plastic bag use!	Mar 14, 2012 2:15 PM
161	for once we need to put other life ahead of our lazyness	Mar 14, 2012 1:49 PM
162	Seriously... the city is considering allowing retailers to charge for freaking bags?!?!?!?	Mar 14, 2012 1:47 PM
163	The retailer is already being reimbursed for the bags as the cost is built into the cost of the merchandise. I would suggest those who want to ban the plastic bags should stop using them under all circumstances.	Mar 14, 2012 1:42 PM
164	If no ban then the fee would go towards increasing the discount individuals receive when bringing reusable bags.	Mar 14, 2012 1:18 PM
165	I think a fee will motivate people to bring and remember their own bags. An outright ban will just make people angry and be more difficult to pass.	Mar 14, 2012 1:12 PM
166	sometimes plastic bags are necessary or need an alternate (meat, chemicals that may leak, etc.)	Mar 14, 2012 1:11 PM
167	I don't live in Corvallis but I have worked her for over 20 years. I do not think it is the City's job to tell the retailers what they can and can't do or charge.	Mar 14, 2012 12:23 PM
168	Paper bags, though recyclable, consume more energy & resources to produce than plastic does. Therefore, education of both retailers & public is important to make a significant environmental impact!	Mar 14, 2012 12:21 PM
169	I would be in favor of a fee for plastic bags and no charge on paper bags	Mar 14, 2012 11:59 AM

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170	no fee paper keep jobs	Mar 14, 2012 11:42 AM
171	I shudder at the thought of reusable bags carried in filthy cars or trunks!	Mar 14, 2012 11:37 AM
172	I don't think the retailers should get to keep any fees, they're already making enough money off their customers.	Mar 14, 2012 11:28 AM
173	Humans survived shopping without plastic bags for centuries--we can do it again. Back to the future!	Mar 14, 2012 11:27 AM
174	While Corvallis is very PC, how about options for recycling plastic bags instead of banning them?	Mar 14, 2012 11:25 AM
175	education is good, but it's not an alternative to a ban on plastic bags	Mar 14, 2012 11:20 AM
176	My order of preference from high to low: Options 4, 3, 2, 1	Mar 14, 2012 11:07 AM
177	Who says these are single use bags? We re-use them all the time for storage, etc.	Mar 14, 2012 11:05 AM
178	Option 2 - tax the people who want to use them and put the money into the City Coffers.	Mar 14, 2012 11:03 AM
179	use biodegradeable plastic bags	Mar 14, 2012 10:40 AM
180	part of fee should go to sanitation for disposal of bags	Mar 14, 2012 10:40 AM
181	I don't support the imposition of a fee for use of paper bags.	Mar 14, 2012 10:35 AM
182	Educate about recycling. Problem is not the bags but irresponsible users.	Mar 14, 2012 10:32 AM
183	Rather than banning something (which takes away the very freedom of choice Americans so proudly and fiercely covet) it seems that education goes a long way to helping folks make more informed, earth-friendly decisions. Also, plastic bags are useful in many situations where paper or cloth bags aren't. As an example (though not necessarily specific to plastic carry-out bags), I use bread bags for cat litter waste. Paper wouldn't really do the trick.	Mar 14, 2012 10:23 AM
184	I don't want to have a fee for paper bags. Then if I forget my bags I get charged each time and that's not cool.	Mar 14, 2012 10:10 AM
185	let the retailer apply option #2 - keep the government out of it	Mar 14, 2012 10:08 AM
186	use biodegradable bags	Mar 14, 2012 10:07 AM
187	Plastic bags should be banned. They are not good for the environment and we have alternative options.	Mar 14, 2012 10:05 AM
188	It's not up to the city to instruct me regarding my personal shopping habits. It's simply NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.	Mar 14, 2012 10:01 AM
189	One must pay for a bag in Denmark. It works!	Mar 14, 2012 9:57 AM
190	Option 3 should be in conjunction with Option 1	Mar 14, 2012 9:44 AM

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191	Should not be a local government mandated action.	Mar 14, 2012 9:38 AM
192	The ten cents for bringing your own bag should be handed to the customer, not just subtracted from the total.	Mar 14, 2012 9:25 AM
193	Educate Safeway about the unnessary double bagging of plastic.	Mar 14, 2012 9:23 AM
194	Education about recycling and increased recycling stations.	Mar 14, 2012 9:22 AM
195	While traveling in England this winter I learned that people are charged 10 cents for each paper bag they use at the grocery store. If you bring your resuable bag you are charged nothing. This method puts the burden on the consumer and makes them more conscience of bringing their own bags. I believe it is a good method with little impact to the retailers.	Mar 14, 2012 9:19 AM
196	I don't think punishment is the way to motivate people. Giving a discount to people bringing their own bags makes more sense than charging those who do not.	Mar 14, 2012 9:17 AM
197	adding a fee on paper bags penalize large families who are counting their pennies these days as it is.	Mar 14, 2012 9:17 AM
198	ban single use plastic bags, but leave paper bags alone. Let retailers decide how to deal with the costs of "packaging" their products.	Mar 14, 2012 9:14 AM
199	People will adapt to change...they always do. So, let's do the right thing and stop the environmental damage that plastic bags cause.	Mar 14, 2012 9:12 AM
200	Education on how to use and reuse the bags and I do currently.	Mar 14, 2012 9:00 AM
201	People need to get unlazy and bring a bag! we have priveledges many people in the world do not have. We should be worrying about bigger issues other than having to bring our own grocery bag. I say drastic action is necessary!	Mar 14, 2012 8:47 AM
202	option 2 is already in force, i get 6 cents off my grocery bill for using my own or recycled bag	Mar 14, 2012 8:43 AM
203	Fee's, even a tiny fee (2 cents), will have a dramatic change on behavior	Mar 14, 2012 8:19 AM
204	The cost of any type of bag has always been built into the cost of doing business for the retailer,	Mar 14, 2012 8:13 AM
205	I use the plastic and paper bags for other uses after I get home. I believe that the government has no business governing this issue. We already have a few individuals determining policy in this town.	Mar 14, 2012 7:24 AM
206	Unneccessary government control should be resisted	Mar 14, 2012 7:12 AM
207	This is just stupid. Have we run out of more useful things to legislate? How about if we impose a ban on colorful socks. I'm sure those dyes are bad for someone. This is a hoax right?	Mar 13, 2012 11:21 PM
208	food needs to be in something biodegradable (short term)	Mar 13, 2012 10:32 PM

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209	I don't think you should ban plastic bags	Mar 13, 2012 8:18 PM
210	If there were a fee, even a small one, I would remember to bring my own bag.	Mar 13, 2012 7:26 PM
211	Support by the community to ban plastic bags will encourage residents of the community to bring their own bags. If you forget once, it will be easier to remember to bring reusable bags the next time.	Mar 13, 2012 4:28 PM
212	In America, people should have a choice.	Mar 13, 2012 3:59 PM
213	Alternately, what about the city/state subsidizing retailers, and the retailers giving the shopper \$.05 for each bag they bring. This might be more incentivizing, and not as penalizing to the retailers.	Mar 13, 2012 3:57 PM
214	All of my plastic or paper bags get reused or recycled	Mar 13, 2012 11:44 AM
215	I use the plastic bags for garbage, and other uses around he house. They are reused by me all the time.	Mar 13, 2012 10:12 AM
216	A ban would provoke a detrimental counter-reaction	Mar 13, 2012 7:42 AM
217	Why is this issue taking up so much of our time when there are other, more pressing concerns facing our county, city and state? Let's do a away with Lobbyists and this kind of brow-beating politics first!	Mar 13, 2012 7:09 AM
218	My preference is to charge a hefty fee first and see if that works to reduce single use bags	Mar 13, 2012 1:48 AM
219	the bags are seldom single use	Mar 13, 2012 1:24 AM
220	There is more important items for the city to deal with. stay out of the way we shop.	Mar 13, 2012 12:18 AM
221	"voluntary education" sounds really weak, honestly think of a typical workplace environment. It's not going to get done.	Mar 12, 2012 10:44 PM
222	Option 1 would be a better option if it included a nickel given for the customer using his/her own bag.	Mar 12, 2012 10:19 PM
223	Highly favor 1 year to work into fee based program	Mar 12, 2012 8:52 PM
224	Most people are intelligent and sensible and want to protect our environment. We don't need more rules taking away more of our freedom.	Mar 12, 2012 8:35 PM
225	I don't want to legislated to behave the way I choose to behave. If we educate people as to how easy it is to use you own bags, they will respond. I believe we should give people credit for acting responsibly before we force it on them.	Mar 12, 2012 8:23 PM
226	The "fee" will become an extra proffit. The bags cost less than a penny	Mar 12, 2012 7:05 PM
227	1 is better than 2, but 2 is way better than 3 and 4	Mar 12, 2012 7:03 PM
228	I re-use plastic bags for wet garbage.	Mar 12, 2012 6:44 PM

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229	We reuse plastic on our dog walks and I take them to the soup kitchen for clients to take home left overs.	Mar 12, 2012 6:33 PM
230	Option 5 Ban plastic, don't charge for paper	Mar 12, 2012 5:05 PM
231	I agree that single use plastic bags should be banned but don't always agree that retailers should have to place a fee on paper bags	Mar 12, 2012 4:33 PM
232	ban plastic bags! ...and plastic water bottles too, while we're at it!	Mar 12, 2012 4:31 PM
233	Actually, I think option 3 should be a part of Option 1 or 2; I am most in favor of Option 1	Mar 12, 2012 4:08 PM
234	REUSE is BETTER than RECYCLING	Mar 12, 2012 4:05 PM
235	Ban plastic bags, but keep paper around, also promote stores keeping boxes (from their shipments) to put groceries in (like the COOP)	Mar 12, 2012 4:01 PM
236	ban the bag!	Mar 12, 2012 3:40 PM
237	Plastic bags are wonderful. I use them for garbage bags in my home; that saves me money.	Mar 12, 2012 2:48 PM
238	Banning plastic bags is not a legitimate function of local government. Let the market decide.	Mar 12, 2012 2:20 PM
239	It's not the Cities business. Get a life	Mar 12, 2012 2:18 PM
240	Please let's ban single use plastic bags!	Mar 12, 2012 2:06 PM
241	Best option is to ban plastic bags entirely, voluntary education will not work.	Mar 12, 2012 1:31 PM
242	I am in favor of Option 1, but would accept option 2 as a baby-step. Option 3 has no teeth. Option 4 has no gumption!	Mar 12, 2012 1:18 PM
243	What about Allied Waste collecting plastic bags to recycle into oil along with other plastics?	Mar 12, 2012 12:38 PM
244	If we can't ban plastic bags, at least charge a fee. Paper bags degrade only if they are not compacted so tightly that no oxygen reaches them.	Mar 12, 2012 12:33 PM
245	I buy the little biodegradable poo bags for my dog. I would use something similar for the cat litter box if it was affordable and available in the right size -- about 3 times bigger than the dog poo bags. If there were a viable solution for this, I would support option 1 above.	Mar 12, 2012 11:10 AM
246	we must reduce use of single use plastic bags	Mar 12, 2012 10:57 AM
247	I feel there has already been some education by retailers, as they all have reusable bags available near the checkouts	Mar 12, 2012 10:51 AM
248	I like how the co-op offers use of paper BOXES if you forget your bag--this is more substantial than a bag, something they have to dispose of anyways, and something I'm likely to reuse more often than a bag.	Mar 12, 2012 10:29 AM

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249	I prefer option 1, but if that fails I'd take option 2.	Mar 12, 2012 10:21 AM
250	It's time to get tough, for the sake of future generations	Mar 12, 2012 10:02 AM
251	the city has more important things to spend time and money on.	Mar 12, 2012 9:42 AM
252	people use the plastic bags because this is what is available. Encourage stores to have a stack of used paper bags and cardboard boxes as mentioned above	Mar 12, 2012 9:41 AM
253	I am, in general, opposed to coercion by gov't.	Mar 12, 2012 9:32 AM
254	The city should not be telling retailers and consumers what bags to use or encouraging the charging of a fee for the use of bags.	Mar 12, 2012 9:05 AM
255	If charged a fee, then it would need to be high enough to deter the use of plastic and paper bags. Just ban them.	Mar 12, 2012 8:34 AM
256	I would also like to see some incentive for customers who bring their own bags.	Mar 11, 2012 10:55 PM
257	The stores already factor the price of the bags in their prices. Leave things be.	Mar 11, 2012 1:20 PM
258	Without information regarding the impact of these options, it's hard to make an informed decision.	Mar 11, 2012 10:17 AM
259	I would strongly support whatever method has been demonstrated to reduce the use of plastic bags, whether ban, fee, or a combination. Reducing the amount of plastic we all use is my top priority, period.	Mar 11, 2012 8:14 AM
260	We simply have to start some where to save the planet	Mar 11, 2012 5:54 AM
261	This is very important and should be passed now!	Mar 10, 2012 11:22 PM
262	Simply a new habit, bring your own bags. It's been like this in Holland at some stores, for years.	Mar 10, 2012 9:00 PM
263	Stop the endless over consumption.	Mar 10, 2012 6:26 PM
264	I'd like a few on plastic but not paper	Mar 10, 2012 5:21 PM
265	Use Trader Joe's as a model, multiple styles of carryout bags, particularly the cooler bag (large one) with long handles	Mar 10, 2012 4:28 PM
266	Is there a need to require the same thing for ALL retailers? Would it be too difficult to let the retailer choose one of the three options above? The First Alternative Co-op declared "bag independence" several years ago, and it has saved the Co-op money and a huge amount of plastic (and paper) from entering the waste stream.	Mar 10, 2012 3:42 PM
267	please recall that "single-ues" plastic bags can be used multiple times after they come home from the store.	Mar 10, 2012 2:15 PM
268	I don't think #3 will work on its' own - I think you need to do #1 and #3 together	Mar 10, 2012 2:02 PM
269	Charging for bags is unfair to folks on a budget. Strongly discouraging plastic	Mar 10, 2012 1:24 PM

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	bags is good.	
270	Most retailers advertise re-usable bags in their stores, but it doesn't seem to do much.	Mar 10, 2012 12:43 PM
271	I believe the environment needs a response. Other communities are doing it, we should too! It is in line with Corvallis goal for sustainability.	Mar 10, 2012 11:18 AM
272	i'm ok with a fee charged by a store but not a fee mandated by the city. It should be the store's decision.	Mar 10, 2012 11:05 AM
273	Ban single-use plastic bags but place no fee on paper bags.	Mar 10, 2012 8:37 AM
274	I don't think it is wise to put restrictions (such as a ban or a fee) on plastic and paper bags at the same time. If a plastic bag ban goes into effect, paper bags should be available for patrons at no charge.	Mar 10, 2012 2:13 AM
275	This is one of those solutions in search of a problem, imho	Mar 10, 2012 12:40 AM
276	Do not like or understand these options, i.e. What plastic bags will be banned and by what retailers? Why not leave paper bags out of this	Mar 9, 2012 11:57 PM
277	Ban 'em!	Mar 9, 2012 11:08 PM
278	the entire issue is silly compared to climate change	Mar 9, 2012 9:00 PM
279	All these options need to be refined.	Mar 9, 2012 5:59 PM

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1	no fee is necessary	Apr 7, 2012 6:09 PM
2	I fail to see the justification for any fee whatsoever.	Apr 5, 2012 11:37 PM
3	not in favor of reducing single use carry out bags	Apr 5, 2012 10:42 PM
4	1,000,000.00	Apr 5, 2012 5:09 PM
5	No fee is best. It would be a burden on people with limited income.	Apr 5, 2012 12:13 PM
6	With the condition of economy-no fee	Apr 5, 2012 9:40 AM
7	Forget the whole thing - get out of my life.	Apr 5, 2012 6:28 AM
8	No fee	Apr 4, 2012 5:42 PM
9	We're already paying for bags - I would assume any retailer figures the bag into the cost of goods sold	Apr 4, 2012 4:16 PM
10	I don't think I know how much other people would pay. I wouldn't pay anything.	Apr 4, 2012 3:55 PM
11	None	Apr 4, 2012 3:46 PM
12	50 cents	Apr 4, 2012 3:42 PM
13	No "Fee for use" should be applied. Another fee to add to an overburdened public.	Apr 4, 2012 2:51 PM
14	absolutely no fee---no one needs this.	Apr 4, 2012 1:54 PM
15	none	Apr 4, 2012 1:53 PM
16	dope slap, but only when you dont reuse/recycle	Apr 4, 2012 10:11 AM
17	Should be a retailer's decision, not government's.	Apr 4, 2012 10:05 AM
18	charging any fee at all will cause me to do my shopping outside Corvallis, regardless of the extra expense for gasoline.	Apr 4, 2012 9:50 AM
19	Opposed to any fee!!!!	Apr 4, 2012 8:35 AM
20	If you impose large fees you will encourage people to shop in nearby cities that have no fees such as Philomath and Albany.	Apr 4, 2012 7:39 AM
21	none	Apr 4, 2012 3:26 AM
22	They all would probably to some extent, but why mess around. If you don't want single-use bags, make it costly to use them.	Apr 3, 2012 10:44 PM
23	o	Apr 3, 2012 10:26 PM
24	Don't the elderly and disabled have it hard enough on a fixed income to be nicked and dined for their bags too?	Apr 3, 2012 5:23 PM

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25	people will shop elsewhere -they'll leave corvallis	Apr 3, 2012 5:14 PM
26	Will have no effect at any of these prices	Apr 3, 2012 3:52 PM
27	Add a fee and people will shop elsewhere - hurt business	Apr 3, 2012 3:44 PM
28	any fee places an unfair hardship on low income shoppers	Apr 3, 2012 3:41 PM
29	This is ridiculous	Apr 3, 2012 3:32 PM
30	None, I'm in favor of banning plastic bags, but not penalizing families for it when they forget their reusable bags. People don't need to spend extra money during this economy	Apr 3, 2012 11:53 AM
31	\$1.00	Apr 3, 2012 11:47 AM
32	I will change stores to shop where I can get them.	Apr 3, 2012 7:31 AM
33	I don't support any fee!!!	Apr 2, 2012 9:05 AM
34	The City should not be involved in day to day operations of retail sales.	Apr 2, 2012 9:00 AM
35	I believe no fee is appropriate. A fee that is kept by the retailer appears to be another way to make money from the consumer, which was previously a free service.	Apr 2, 2012 7:56 AM
36	Education	Apr 1, 2012 9:06 AM
37	50 cents	Mar 31, 2012 11:52 PM
38	0	Mar 31, 2012 7:26 PM
39	ZERO!!!	Mar 31, 2012 7:14 PM
40	We don't need to charge people to encourage them to recycle their plastic bags.	Mar 31, 2012 5:57 PM
41	This is a biased question. The City has not legitimate public interest in doing so.	Mar 31, 2012 7:58 AM
42	Not in favor	Mar 30, 2012 9:06 PM
43	one cent is too much to charge - tourists would probably not be happy being charged for the bag, I would probably shop more in Albany.	Mar 30, 2012 7:05 PM
44	Is the fee used for something, like collection, recycling, or education? Or is it just a punishment for using the bags? Behavior modification by fines?	Mar 30, 2012 4:32 PM
45	do not support a fee	Mar 30, 2012 4:10 PM
46	The fee needs to be 75 cents, encouraging reuse of another type of container. Returned when the bag is reused.	Mar 30, 2012 3:57 PM
47	Any, I would shop elsewhere	Mar 30, 2012 3:29 PM
48	none	Mar 30, 2012 3:14 PM

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49	\$10 per bag	Mar 30, 2012 3:09 PM
50	I don't think there should be a fee!	Mar 30, 2012 3:03 PM
51	I am strongly opposed to any new fee. I can barely afford the cost of my groceries.	Mar 30, 2012 2:53 PM
52	disagree	Mar 30, 2012 10:43 AM
53	any fee is unreasonable	Mar 30, 2012 10:35 AM
54	0	Mar 30, 2012 9:24 AM
55	none	Mar 30, 2012 9:22 AM
56	Ban them	Mar 30, 2012 9:17 AM
57	none	Mar 30, 2012 8:29 AM
58	one million dollars!	Mar 30, 2012 7:57 AM
59	not in favor of any taxes	Mar 30, 2012 7:48 AM
60	no fee please	Mar 30, 2012 7:38 AM
61	0	Mar 29, 2012 12:47 PM
62	\$10000.00 Let's do some social engineering	Mar 29, 2012 12:40 PM
63	again, no problem on this so this question is not applicable. You are assuming a problem.	Mar 29, 2012 12:30 PM
64	No fee need apply as this isn't a problem or a place for the cities social engineering	Mar 29, 2012 12:13 PM
65	\$1.00	Mar 27, 2012 5:32 PM
66	The council has better things to do than force their will on others when there is no major problem.	Mar 26, 2012 6:20 PM
67	None, let individuals decide what they want to do, we DON'T need more taxes of ANY kind	Mar 25, 2012 5:41 PM
68	None not the city's job	Mar 25, 2012 7:28 AM
69	zero; You do this and I'll shop in other cities!!!!	Mar 24, 2012 1:47 PM
70	none	Mar 24, 2012 11:00 AM
71	not in favor	Mar 23, 2012 10:44 AM
72	none	Mar 22, 2012 5:43 PM
73	Again your argument is already pre-formed. You take too much upon yourselves	Mar 21, 2012 8:04 PM

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	to even consider this back dorr revenue generating scheme regardless of how you present your so-called fee.	
74	Dump idea altogether	Mar 21, 2012 11:53 AM
75	Don't see a need to reduce the use of bags!	Mar 21, 2012 10:10 AM
76	don't want to see any fee	Mar 21, 2012 7:25 AM
77	It bothers me that the City has already decided it must solve this "near -crisis problem" and knows what draconian measures it is going to impose and is only using this phony survey as "cover" for its actions.	Mar 21, 2012 3:44 AM
78	Fees are punishment	Mar 20, 2012 9:45 PM
79	Not in favor of a fee	Mar 20, 2012 7:46 PM
80	any	Mar 20, 2012 6:44 PM
81	another fu#&ing tax??? How about a thousand dollars per bag	Mar 20, 2012 4:20 PM
82	None	Mar 20, 2012 4:13 PM
83	not in favor	Mar 20, 2012 4:07 PM
84	2 cents a bag	Mar 20, 2012 3:54 PM
85	Not in favor of any more "fees".	Mar 20, 2012 2:35 PM
86	3 cents	Mar 20, 2012 1:02 PM
87	there should be no fees	Mar 20, 2012 12:57 PM
88	I would be furious if I had to pay anykind of fee to use a plastic bag	Mar 20, 2012 12:47 PM
89	zero cents...We already pay the retailers for these bags through the prices of their merchandise.	Mar 20, 2012 12:20 PM
90	none	Mar 20, 2012 11:46 AM
91	No fee	Mar 20, 2012 11:18 AM
92	0	Mar 20, 2012 10:49 AM
93	Any tax reduces the thing taxed.	Mar 20, 2012 9:31 AM
94	\$2	Mar 20, 2012 8:18 AM
95	0	Mar 20, 2012 8:01 AM
96	Oppose any recurring fee to consumer.	Mar 20, 2012 7:39 AM
97	50 cents	Mar 19, 2012 8:01 PM

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98	Charging would not change anyone's behavior	Mar 19, 2012 5:32 PM
99	zerooooooooooooooooooooo	Mar 19, 2012 5:30 PM
100	not in favor	Mar 19, 2012 5:24 PM
101	nothing!!!!	Mar 19, 2012 5:04 PM
102	0 - city shouldn't try to mandate this to anyone!	Mar 19, 2012 4:50 PM
103	NONE< BUTT OUT OF FREE ENTERPRISE!	Mar 19, 2012 4:47 PM
104	take no action so therefore no fee required	Mar 19, 2012 4:44 PM
105	zero amount	Mar 19, 2012 2:44 PM
106	None!	Mar 19, 2012 1:23 PM
107	No fee! Encourage reuse.	Mar 19, 2012 12:09 PM
108	Don't want any fee.	Mar 19, 2012 10:01 AM
109	no fee is needed	Mar 19, 2012 9:42 AM
110	I am opposed to fees on bags, plastic or otherwise. I have seen reusable plastic bags, and these should be offered by all retailers.	Mar 19, 2012 9:40 AM
111	Taxing bags is a very poor idea	Mar 19, 2012 8:22 AM
112	Does not apply to my preferred option.	Mar 18, 2012 8:28 PM
113	Don't allow them to be used	Mar 18, 2012 4:03 PM
114	no fee - educate	Mar 18, 2012 4:03 PM
115	none	Mar 18, 2012 3:04 PM
116	None...people will pay for convenience.	Mar 18, 2012 2:29 PM
117	not a factor	Mar 18, 2012 2:02 PM
118	NO FEE!	Mar 18, 2012 1:01 PM
119	Stop being stupid. We will start shopping elsewhere.	Mar 18, 2012 12:28 PM
120	all my plastic bags are used at least 2 times (not single); or put into a recycle bag if they have large holes in them. The SOURCE of the problem is they TYPE of bags that retailers use. If they were oxo-biodegradable, you wouldn't be doing this survey.	Mar 18, 2012 11:56 AM
121	None	Mar 18, 2012 11:52 AM
122	Drop this idea.	Mar 18, 2012 10:52 AM

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123	This is not the proper role of city government.	Mar 18, 2012 9:23 AM
124	0 - don't need to social engineer.	Mar 18, 2012 9:16 AM
125	none	Mar 18, 2012 5:54 AM
126	Why charge anything? This isn't a priority and places an unneeded additional expense on people.	Mar 17, 2012 11:02 PM
127	Nothing Zero	Mar 17, 2012 10:04 PM
128	Please don't	Mar 17, 2012 9:34 PM
129	No fee	Mar 17, 2012 8:40 PM
130	none	Mar 17, 2012 8:30 PM
131	None, this entire notion is STUPID to the nth degree!!	Mar 17, 2012 6:45 PM
132	Don't do this!	Mar 17, 2012 6:17 PM
133	0 none should be an answer!!	Mar 17, 2012 6:15 PM
134	If you charge any fee I will take my business to a place that does not charge a fee.	Mar 17, 2012 5:30 PM
135	0	Mar 17, 2012 4:40 PM
136	0	Mar 17, 2012 4:35 PM
137	ZERO	Mar 17, 2012 4:32 PM
138	0	Mar 17, 2012 4:30 PM
139	None is best.	Mar 17, 2012 3:38 PM
140	Any tax or fee will send me to linn county for Business	Mar 17, 2012 2:52 PM
141	10.00	Mar 17, 2012 2:41 PM
142	Will create incentive to shop in Philomath	Mar 17, 2012 2:37 PM
143	none. I will go out of town to purchase if forced ban happens	Mar 17, 2012 2:30 PM
144	\$10,000	Mar 17, 2012 2:23 PM
145	0 cents	Mar 17, 2012 2:19 PM
146	no fee, educate	Mar 17, 2012 2:08 PM
147	\$10.00 This answer intended to be as absurd as your question	Mar 17, 2012 1:53 PM
148	No fee make them biodegradable	Mar 17, 2012 1:45 PM

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149	i do not believe people should be forced to use reuseable bags or fined per single use bag.	Mar 17, 2012 11:23 AM
150	None	Mar 17, 2012 9:57 AM
151	Stop regulating my life!	Mar 17, 2012 9:44 AM
152	None. Leave us alone.	Mar 17, 2012 8:51 AM
153	There should be no fee on paper bags!	Mar 16, 2012 7:58 PM
154	Free	Mar 16, 2012 7:24 PM
155	none of the above	Mar 16, 2012 6:54 PM
156	None- it would be even more reason to go out of town to shop	Mar 16, 2012 3:22 PM
157	A Corvallis only fee would be ineffective; need statewide	Mar 16, 2012 1:26 PM
158	the retailer can provide at no cost...no change to SOP	Mar 16, 2012 11:38 AM
159	oppose any fee	Mar 16, 2012 10:01 AM
160	NONE.	Mar 16, 2012 9:51 AM
161	fees for bags is trampling private rights of merchants	Mar 16, 2012 9:24 AM
162	No Fee!	Mar 16, 2012 8:02 AM
163	you're given an option "PAPER OR PLASTIC"	Mar 16, 2012 4:53 AM
164	NO FEE	Mar 16, 2012 4:50 AM
165	DO NOT CHARGE FEES!	Mar 15, 2012 11:35 PM
166	This is the wrong economy to start bag fees!	Mar 15, 2012 9:34 PM
167	50 cents, minimum	Mar 15, 2012 9:02 PM
168	no fee, each retailer can decide for himself.	Mar 15, 2012 8:51 PM
169	We do not believe in taxing consumers for bags used to purchase goods at a private retailer	Mar 15, 2012 8:08 PM
170	Any fee would reduce them, but I would say 5 is enough to make people think twice.	Mar 15, 2012 6:49 PM
171	None, It would be just as easy to take my shopping to albany or philomath	Mar 15, 2012 6:27 PM
172	1 dollar. Please don't say anything about consideration of lower income people.	Mar 15, 2012 5:34 PM
173	\$100.00 each	Mar 15, 2012 5:11 PM
174	None	Mar 15, 2012 4:25 PM

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175	\$5 -- the cost of a reusable bag	Mar 15, 2012 3:29 PM
176	no charge	Mar 15, 2012 3:11 PM
177	It's more expensive to our environment than these costs.	Mar 15, 2012 2:26 PM
178	Any fee will irritate me and make me less likely to buy (and therefore need a bag in the first place).	Mar 15, 2012 1:25 PM
179	depends on the welth of the person shopping. me 5 cents!	Mar 15, 2012 12:56 PM
180	\$0	Mar 15, 2012 12:38 PM
181	zero	Mar 15, 2012 12:26 PM
182	not in favor of any additional fee to current garbage fees	Mar 15, 2012 11:58 AM
183	Not in favor of charging but 10 or 15 cents would do it for me.	Mar 15, 2012 11:56 AM
184	none	Mar 15, 2012 11:33 AM
185	NONE--zero is there something about the word no you don't understand. If there is a ban on plastice bags in Corvallis--I will make the trip to Philomath or Albany to do my shopping.	Mar 15, 2012 11:23 AM
186	None.	Mar 15, 2012 11:22 AM
187	No fee, it is the cost of doing business today, why the change?	Mar 15, 2012 9:27 AM
188	NONE	Mar 15, 2012 9:02 AM
189	just the cost of the bag	Mar 15, 2012 7:30 AM
190	why must I reduce my usage?	Mar 15, 2012 7:29 AM
191	keep your nose out of our business---no one needs extra fees	Mar 15, 2012 7:12 AM
192	\$1 per bag	Mar 15, 2012 6:43 AM
193	I think any fee will reduce the numbers, as there will be fewer people choosing to shop in corvallis.	Mar 15, 2012 6:25 AM
194	Change our behavior not throw money at the problem	Mar 15, 2012 4:25 AM
195	Don't know.	Mar 15, 2012 2:11 AM
196	\$5.00 or 25% of the cost of total purchases - which ever is greater	Mar 14, 2012 10:41 PM
197	NO FEE	Mar 14, 2012 9:59 PM
198	I'm not in favor of fees	Mar 14, 2012 9:46 PM
199	The larger the fee the more likely the ban will work. Most people seem not to worry about "small change" so I'd suggest 25 cents as an amount that would	Mar 14, 2012 8:41 PM

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	make people change.	
200	\$100	Mar 14, 2012 8:31 PM
201	It's better to encourage other bag use (cloth or reusable) by offering higher incentive as refund.	Mar 14, 2012 8:12 PM
202	Free people don't have extra money for that. Bad idea to charge. People will resent that.	Mar 14, 2012 7:36 PM
203	This is not city business.	Mar 14, 2012 7:02 PM
204	Any amount of fee is not acceptable....low income, medical reasons, and reuse of the plastic bags for pooper scoopers for our dog and cats should not cost us to use.	Mar 14, 2012 7:02 PM
205	dont do it	Mar 14, 2012 6:17 PM
206	Too little has no impact at all.	Mar 14, 2012 5:33 PM
207	There should not be an additional fee	Mar 14, 2012 5:29 PM
208	Very much opposed to a fee!!!	Mar 14, 2012 5:02 PM
209	Perhaps a deposit system?	Mar 14, 2012 4:42 PM
210	Not sure what the cost is to CREATE a plastic bag, so this info. would be more helpful in determining what the fee might be.	Mar 14, 2012 4:32 PM
211	\$1.00	Mar 14, 2012 4:02 PM
212	Any fee per plastic bag will only increase costs to citizens	Mar 14, 2012 4:00 PM
213	none	Mar 14, 2012 3:56 PM
214	This is not a fee, but a tax. Not needed. Should a fee be imposed, we will discontinue shopping in Corvallis and go to Albany.	Mar 14, 2012 3:53 PM
215	Depends on how much you want to reduce use, 5 cents for 20% reduction, 25 cents for 50% reduction, \$1 for 90% or more reduction.	Mar 14, 2012 3:43 PM
216	Dumb question	Mar 14, 2012 3:34 PM
217	Make a reusable bag \$1, and if they do not want to buy it, make the plastic bag 25 cents. There is no rational way not to buy the reusable bag at these prices.	Mar 14, 2012 3:16 PM
218	There should be no fee! Leave it to the retailers to decide (like the co-op) then I can decide whether to shop there or not.	Mar 14, 2012 3:09 PM
219	I think it would have to be higher than 25 cents, so that people see a significant cost added to their bill. Anything less than a dollar or two would get lost in the rest of the expenses.	Mar 14, 2012 2:56 PM
220	not even an option	Mar 14, 2012 2:41 PM

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221	I suppose the poor would have one answer and the wealthy - at least those who don't count pennies - would have a different answer.	Mar 14, 2012 2:26 PM
222	no fee needed	Mar 14, 2012 2:16 PM
223	none	Mar 14, 2012 1:47 PM
224	I think for the convenience, people will pay what ever, just as we do for a gallon of gas. All it will do is add the cost of everything and those that can't afford it will suffer more.	Mar 14, 2012 1:42 PM
225	\$1.00	Mar 14, 2012 1:35 PM
226	50cents	Mar 14, 2012 1:33 PM
227	not for it	Mar 14, 2012 1:04 PM
228	none	Mar 14, 2012 12:55 PM
229	none	Mar 14, 2012 12:25 PM
230	opposed to any	Mar 14, 2012 12:23 PM
231	none	Mar 14, 2012 11:43 AM
232	no fee you pay to much for everything already	Mar 14, 2012 11:42 AM
233	No Fee, I would have to buy bags to use for my garbage which would make those single use bags.	Mar 14, 2012 11:37 AM
234	Don't do this! It hits folks who can least afford it.	Mar 14, 2012 11:25 AM
235	\$1.00	Mar 14, 2012 11:20 AM
236	none - too many people can barely afford food, let alone fees for plastic bags	Mar 14, 2012 11:05 AM
237	one cent	Mar 14, 2012 10:57 AM
238	none	Mar 14, 2012 10:54 AM
239	7 cents	Mar 14, 2012 10:51 AM
240	no fee, stupid	Mar 14, 2012 10:41 AM
241	\$1.00	Mar 14, 2012 10:40 AM
242	Not for any fees	Mar 14, 2012 10:32 AM
243	At first I though paper bags should have one fee (10 cents?) and plastic bags another (20 cents?). But I realize that charging the same fee for both types would streamline the checkout process. Also, paper bags require more resources (water, \$, etc) to manufacture. Really, the point is to encourage people to bring their own bags (i.e. not use just one time). So probably charging a 15 (?) cent fee for both types would still be affordable, while adding up quickly	Mar 14, 2012 10:23 AM

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	enough to encourage shoppers to stop and think about whether they could make a different choice next time.	
244	might shop elsewhere if I have to pay for a bag	Mar 14, 2012 10:08 AM
245	Bad idea!	Mar 14, 2012 10:07 AM
246	Quite frankly I would be incensed to have any fee placed on them.	Mar 14, 2012 10:02 AM
247	Why do you think it's up to you to decide what a cost would be? I am positive that each store has already figured in costs for the "baggage" use. Why should an additional amount be charged? How stupid is this? What waste of everyones time.	Mar 14, 2012 10:01 AM
248	No Tax on bags! Retailers must provide fo free!	Mar 14, 2012 9:57 AM
249	Any fee is unreasonable	Mar 14, 2012 9:49 AM
250	Anything over 5 cents	Mar 14, 2012 9:44 AM
251	None	Mar 14, 2012 9:42 AM
252	None	Mar 14, 2012 9:42 AM
253	None! Change of behavior for consumers should not be administrated by local businesses.	Mar 14, 2012 9:38 AM
254	Any amount really	Mar 14, 2012 9:37 AM
255	don't know	Mar 14, 2012 9:29 AM
256	Probably any amount, groceries are too expensive now.	Mar 14, 2012 9:22 AM
257	o don't think people should be charged. I think those who don't use bags should get a discount.	Mar 14, 2012 9:17 AM
258	\$10	Mar 14, 2012 9:14 AM
259	\$1.00	Mar 14, 2012 9:01 AM
260	NO FEE! We are already taxed and fee required to death!	Mar 14, 2012 9:00 AM
261	1 cent would reduce the use, but 2 - 5 cents is more that sufficient	Mar 14, 2012 8:19 AM
262	I don't support the idea of fees at all.	Mar 14, 2012 8:16 AM
263	The customer has always paid for all types of bagging as it is included into the price of the products; therefore, any additional charge will send business away as it has in other communities. Albany would benefit from Corvallis' bag ban.	Mar 14, 2012 8:13 AM
264	\$.02	Mar 14, 2012 7:45 AM
265	none	Mar 14, 2012 7:24 AM

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266	NO fee should be mandated	Mar 14, 2012 7:12 AM
267	No fee...too cumbersome for businesses.	Mar 14, 2012 6:35 AM
268	I'm not in favor of a fee.	Mar 13, 2012 11:21 PM
269	I'll shop in albany	Mar 13, 2012 9:57 PM
270	This is a loaded question.	Mar 13, 2012 8:18 PM
271	0.cents. People who support this already use re-usable bags without any fees. Fees will annoy most everyone else.	Mar 13, 2012 4:15 PM
272	This is a biased question.	Mar 13, 2012 3:59 PM
273	The cost of bags is already figured into the price of groceries, we do not need a tax on top of the cost we are already paying	Mar 13, 2012 11:44 AM
274	NO FEES	Mar 13, 2012 10:12 AM
275	0	Mar 13, 2012 9:29 AM
276	No fee should be imposed. Reduction should be voluntary, not imposed by the government.	Mar 13, 2012 7:42 AM
277	ZERO, \$0, NO FEE!!!!!!!!!!!!	Mar 13, 2012 7:09 AM
278	none	Mar 13, 2012 1:24 AM
279	None	Mar 13, 2012 12:18 AM
280	25 cents is approximately what French, Irish, and Italian consumers pay, in my personal experience of shopping in those countries.	Mar 12, 2012 10:00 PM
281	no fee on meat use - a fee on all other use of 25 cents	Mar 12, 2012 8:52 PM
282	Any fee, I will take my business to neighboring city.	Mar 12, 2012 8:35 PM
283	\$3	Mar 12, 2012 8:20 PM
284	I start shopping in Philomath & Albany	Mar 12, 2012 8:16 PM
285	Program to educate ways of reuse of bags	Mar 12, 2012 7:34 PM
286	NONE	Mar 12, 2012 7:05 PM
287	How about the bag refund that most stores offer when you take your own bag to the store?	Mar 12, 2012 6:33 PM
288	No fee	Mar 12, 2012 6:24 PM
289	I can't answer this question as I do not have a problem paying a fee (therefore, would be in favor of higher) but I know that is not the case for everyone in town and if a fee has to be in place, then lower is probably better	Mar 12, 2012 4:33 PM

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290	\$1.00 (anything under \$.50 won't make a difference)	Mar 12, 2012 3:54 PM
291	A fee is unnecessary and it would encourage me to shop elsewhere.	Mar 12, 2012 2:48 PM
292	No Opinion	Mar 12, 2012 2:25 PM
293	Any fee would be an administrative headache for retailers and would reduce the desirability of shopping in Corvallis.	Mar 12, 2012 2:20 PM
294	Please ban the use of sigle use bags	Mar 12, 2012 2:06 PM
295	NO FEE	Mar 12, 2012 1:46 PM
296	charitable donation jar with minumin fee of .05	Mar 12, 2012 1:18 PM
297	none	Mar 12, 2012 12:49 PM
298	The bag fee sounds like a good deal for the retailers--possibly without the desired results of reducing plastic bag use. Penalizing the retail customer may not be the best solution.	Mar 12, 2012 12:38 PM
299	start \$.05, don't need to make people angry, along w/education. If that needs to be adjusted perhaps do so in conjunction with working with bottle bill to increase refundable deposit to \$.10.	Mar 12, 2012 10:57 AM
300	\$1.00/bag	Mar 12, 2012 9:48 AM
301	Please don't even consider any ordinance to put a tax on bags	Mar 12, 2012 9:42 AM
302	\$0 - use voluntary education for those who need it and/or provide reusable bags free of charge at regular intervals	Mar 12, 2012 9:05 AM
303	None of these....\$1 might do it but for conveninece people would pay the dollar. It needs to become a habit by taking the option away for single use carry out bags.	Mar 12, 2012 8:55 AM
304	\$1.00 or more	Mar 12, 2012 8:34 AM
305	Unsure	Mar 12, 2012 8:05 AM
306	I do not think fees are a good option for reducing single-use bags.	Mar 11, 2012 6:50 PM
307	any amount would be a deterrent	Mar 11, 2012 2:41 PM
308	Should be a non-issue. Obviously if you charge enough, people will quit using plastic.	Mar 11, 2012 1:20 PM
309	The city should not impose a bag 'tax'	Mar 11, 2012 12:27 PM
310	More than 25 cents. Why do we have "single use" in a world with finite and nonrenewable resources?!	Mar 11, 2012,10:17 AM
311	\$3	Mar 10, 2012 9:00 PM

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312	Make it high enough to make people feel some serious pain. The bastards deserve it for wanting to use a plastic bag. Cough up your \$5, granny.	Mar 10, 2012 7:11 PM
313	Fees do not decrease the use of plastic bags.	Mar 10, 2012 1:48 PM
314	0	Mar 10, 2012 11:53 AM
315	I think people would have to made aware on check out they were getting charged for a bag. What about people who are visiting corvallis, they would not know. I think the amount would have to be substantial, a nickle or dime is not enough.	Mar 10, 2012 11:18 AM
316	I don't want a mandatory city enforced fee. Individual stores charging a fee I'm ok with.	Mar 10, 2012 11:05 AM
317	any	Mar 10, 2012 9:39 AM
318	education would work without a fee	Mar 10, 2012 12:40 AM
319	no opinion	Mar 10, 2012 12:14 AM
320	NONE!!!!!!	Mar 9, 2012 11:57 PM
321	large bags only	Mar 9, 2012 9:29 PM
322	0	Mar 9, 2012 6:32 PM

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1	We re-use plastic bags for household trash as well as re-using them to clean up after our dogs.	Apr 5, 2012 5:09 PM
2	I recycle the bags that have holes or are not re-usable. I also 'receive' plastic bags from rescuing them from the environment when I walk to and from work or recreationally.	Apr 4, 2012 3:55 PM
3	Not allowed to recycle them where we are. Use them for kitty litter & the like.	Apr 4, 2012 3:41 PM
4	Also can be donated to Heartland Humane Society - volunteers use them to pick up dog waste	Apr 4, 2012 3:27 PM
5	I never just toss them out after bringing home. Always some form of reuse/recycle.	Apr 4, 2012 2:51 PM
6	trash with dog poop	Apr 4, 2012 10:11 AM
7	I throw them away when I use them to pick up dog excrement. however I have more ecological options (corn bag)	Apr 4, 2012 7:26 AM
8	I place them in recycling containers. I have done research in the past on this issue and have no faith that they are actually recycled.	Apr 3, 2012 8:45 PM
9	soiled plastic bags are at present not recycable so they qare thrown away	Apr 3, 2012 7:43 PM
10	I reuse them until they breakdown, or use them for cleaning up other trash and filth. They end up inside other garbage bags when they go in the trash can. I do not dump them into the sea.	Apr 3, 2012 5:23 PM
11	Either recycle them, or use them for garbage bags	Apr 3, 2012 3:58 PM
12	Corvallis people already largely recycle & reuse	Apr 3, 2012 3:44 PM
13	I use them as trash can liners and disposal of messy waste	Apr 3, 2012 3:43 PM
14	We use them as trashcan liners.	Apr 3, 2012 12:51 PM
15	some craft items can be made with them.	Apr 3, 2012 7:31 AM
16	Burn them.	Apr 2, 2012 9:00 AM
17	I throw them away if they are dirty/	Apr 1, 2012 7:36 PM
18	The few I throw away I use first for wastebasket liners. If I didn't use the grocery plastic bags, I would still use store-bought plastic bags; therefore no reduction in my overall use of all plastic bags.	Mar 31, 2012 5:57 PM
19	donate them for reuse at coop	Mar 31, 2012 3:13 PM
20	Not your business. The City has bigger problems to deal with. Typical of the childishness of our Mayor, City Council, and those who have too much time on their hands to work on this.	Mar 31, 2012 7:58 AM
21	reuse plastic for trash, and non-compostable yard pick up (dog & deer waste), to	Mar 30, 2012 7:05 PM

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	gather wet apples in the fall, to keep bread, etc in to protect it in the freezer, and many other misc uses.	
22	Once they're reused as dog poop bags or trash can liners, recycling (even if available) isn't an option.	Mar 30, 2012 2:53 PM
23	I did not know that you are able to recycle plastic bags	Mar 30, 2012 12:31 PM
24	Will you be counting all of my votes, or am I wasting my time voting again and again?	Mar 30, 2012 7:53 AM
25	Trash bags	Mar 25, 2012 7:28 AM
26	I fully recycle everything that is recyclable, not because I think it saves energy, because the studies say it doesn't. I recycle largely because I hope it gives people jobs. Keeping plastic and paper bags will keep jobs.	Mar 24, 2012 1:47 PM
27	I use them as garbage bags. I haven't purchased garbage bags in years.	Mar 23, 2012 10:44 AM
28	Use as a garbage bag. (never buy garbage bags)	Mar 22, 2012 9:31 AM
29	line garbage cans and also use for cat litter	Mar 20, 2012 10:41 PM
30	Using them to pick up after dog	Mar 20, 2012 9:29 PM
31	Use them for garbage bags instead of buying one-time garbage bags.	Mar 20, 2012 5:44 PM
32	Use for garbage. Recycle ones with holes. Throw away only if really dirty.	Mar 20, 2012 5:02 PM
33	doggie poo and then discard what else you morons.	Mar 20, 2012 4:20 PM
34	I scoop cat litter into them and throw them away.	Mar 20, 2012 3:21 PM
35	I sacrifice them for the Gods of environmental sustainability.	Mar 20, 2012 2:35 PM
36	Most of my plastic bags are from food products and not carry out bags, and they all get recycled as plastic film through Allied Waste.	Mar 20, 2012 1:52 PM
37	use as garbage can liners	Mar 20, 2012 1:08 PM
38	I make good use of those plastic bags for garbage liners, to carry wet swimsuits, take to the beach to put sandy shoes in, take to ball games to but muddy shoes in, but dirty clothes in when left, items to return to someone, when cleaning the cat box, picking up dog poop. I could name more ways I reuse them. In the long run it saves me money and is convient.	Mar 20, 2012 12:47 PM
39	If I have a plastic bag (this includes the plastic toilet paper comes in), it becomes a bin-liner.	Mar 20, 2012 12:31 PM
40	Used to pick up dog poo	Mar 20, 2012 9:46 AM
41	If they're broken or dirty, they are thrown out.	Mar 20, 2012 9:31 AM
42	Use as trash can liners	Mar 20, 2012 8:01 AM

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43	do not take them	Mar 19, 2012 4:07 PM
44	.	Mar 19, 2012 12:59 PM
45	Use in garbage cans in house	Mar 18, 2012 9:12 PM
46	the ones that are tossed are used for wastebasket liners	Mar 18, 2012 2:51 PM
47	We use the plastic as garbage can liners.	Mar 18, 2012 12:28 PM
48	Reuse IS recycling (recycle, reuse, reduce - 3 sided triangle); see previous explanations for why I checked ALL for all.	Mar 18, 2012 11:56 AM
49	Plastic bags are not able to be recycled in Oregon in the curbside recycle bins, so I don't use them.	Mar 18, 2012 11:14 AM
50	Burn them in my wood stove	Mar 18, 2012 10:52 AM
51	I clean-up after my dog with them. I will leave the dog-piles in the park if you ban them.	Mar 18, 2012 9:23 AM
52	Stay out of this	Mar 17, 2012 8:40 PM
53	Reuse then use for garbage bag.	Mar 17, 2012 1:53 PM
54	Dog poop from yard & other uses/gloves etc	Mar 17, 2012 1:45 PM
55	I don't use them! They are unnecessary and are NOT recycled 95% of the time.	Mar 17, 2012 1:24 PM
56	Collect for when I need them	Mar 17, 2012 11:47 AM
57	i use them in place of more expensive and wasteful large trash bags.	Mar 17, 2012 11:23 AM
58	We re-use almost all of the plastic bags for cat litter. (we have 4 cats). I suppose we could start using paper bags to do the same thing.	Mar 17, 2012 11:08 AM
59	There is no such thing as a single use plastic bag. I have many uses for them.	Mar 17, 2012 9:44 AM
60	I don't end up with many bags at home, but I recycle ones that get torn before being reused as trash bags for icky messy trash. I never just throw them away. If the bags were banned or slapped with an unreasonable fee, I would just have to buy bags for putting icky trash in, which would come with packaging and unnecessary transportation energy costs.	Mar 17, 2012 9:32 AM
61	The only plastic bags I "recieve" come from the ones my family bring in. they are then used for grabage bags or a number of other uses.	Mar 16, 2012 9:00 PM
62	use as trash bags	Mar 16, 2012 6:08 PM
63	Some bags are used for garbage	Mar 16, 2012 1:26 PM
64	I wash plastic bags and reuse and reuse and reuse.	Mar 16, 2012 1:08 PM
65	We use the as liners for our under-the-sink trash can in the kitchen, then put	Mar 16, 2012 12:43 PM

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	them in the garbage.	
66	always reused, tossed only if dirty	Mar 16, 2012 11:38 AM
67	Does reuse then throw away include using as garbage bags?	Mar 16, 2012 10:01 AM
68	Reuse as trash can liners.	Mar 15, 2012 11:35 PM
69	Using plastic bags given to me by someone else. I no longer take at store.	Mar 15, 2012 9:15 PM
70	I find them very useful.	Mar 15, 2012 8:51 PM
71	Couldn't access: I reuse then recycle	Mar 15, 2012 5:09 PM
72	Use to put trash in then throw away. What is the difference I use the little grocery plastic bags or the bigger plastic trash bags?	Mar 15, 2012 4:35 PM
73	take them to food pantry & send food home in them	Mar 15, 2012 2:49 PM
74	I often use plastic carry-out bags in place of plastic garbage bags I would otherwise use.	Mar 15, 2012 1:25 PM
75	use for garbage	Mar 15, 2012 12:35 PM
76	i reuse for garbage collection then throw in garbage	Mar 15, 2012 12:29 PM
77	I don't accept plastic bags	Mar 15, 2012 12:09 PM
78	Plastic bags rarely or never are actually recycled. There just isn't the financial incentive. The ones that are, are usually only recycled once, as the product is usually not recyclable (plastic chairs, toys, etc.)	Mar 15, 2012 10:52 AM
79	Didn't know they could be recycled -- an education issue	Mar 15, 2012 10:42 AM
80	pick up dog poop	Mar 15, 2012 9:45 AM
81	I reuse plastic grocery bags for everything...Banning them in corvallis will not make them go away.	Mar 15, 2012 6:25 AM
82	Local recycler can't handle these bags, they go to China where they are burnt for fuel adding to air pollution	Mar 15, 2012 4:25 AM
83	Right now I'm in "hoard-mode," collecting a lifetime supply of intact, reusable "single-use" bags so that I can always do my handlebar thing.	Mar 15, 2012 2:11 AM
84	once every few months if I have an overflowing bin of plastic bags I will recycle them.	Mar 15, 2012 1:43 AM
85	Haven't used plastic carry-out bags in 3 years	Mar 14, 2012 10:41 PM
86	Use them to clean up dog feces in compliance with city ordinance	Mar 14, 2012 10:30 PM
87	I always throw away bags that had raw meat in them	Mar 14, 2012 8:45 PM

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88	I didn't know you could recycle plastic bags!	Mar 14, 2012 8:21 PM
89	They tend to accumulate in the house until we remember to take them back in to be recycled.	Mar 14, 2012 8:16 PM
90	I do not accept plastic carry-out bags	Mar 14, 2012 7:53 PM
91	I have concerns with recycling. I'm a reluctant recycler of plastic bags and try to avoid them altogether. Recycling doesn't reduce our use, it encourages it thus creating more bags. I also understand that bags aren't actually recycled most of the time, never in Corvallis, or Oregon and rarely in the US.	Mar 14, 2012 7:26 PM
92	This is a private matter and also none of your business.	Mar 14, 2012 7:02 PM
93	Reuse as compost bag	Mar 14, 2012 6:22 PM
94	They are thrown away at a time when they are no longer in any condition to be recycled, for e.g. ,after being used for wet garbage or something very messy like changing the cat litter etc. Sometimes they simply have holes too large in them to use them again.	Mar 14, 2012 5:33 PM
95	This question is terrible.	Mar 14, 2012 5:02 PM
96	Crochet into sturdier bags	Mar 14, 2012 4:42 PM
97	I sometimes use them as small trash bags, especially for wet garbage.	Mar 14, 2012 4:31 PM
98	Instead of buying boxes of bags for my trash can I use these for garbage	Mar 14, 2012 4:02 PM
99	As stated in another question above, I use mine for garbage bags so I don't have to purchase them.	Mar 14, 2012 2:26 PM
100	Reusing as garbage bags	Mar 14, 2012 2:10 PM
101	we reuse them in many different ways and then recycle. I do not want to see them banned.	Mar 14, 2012 1:42 PM
102	Many are used as garbage bags.	Mar 14, 2012 1:39 PM
103	unless newer coop bags, then no reuse	Mar 14, 2012 12:02 PM
104	recycle all that are not large enough for garbage	Mar 14, 2012 11:37 AM
105	The only ones that get thrown away are those used for cleaning the kitty boxes.	Mar 14, 2012 11:28 AM
106	Recycle where????	Mar 14, 2012 11:25 AM
107	I use them to pick up dog poop, then throw them away	Mar 14, 2012 11:20 AM
108	Mine are kept to dispose of animal waste. They are used twice, with the second use resulting in throwing them away. Any torn/ripped ones from first use are instead recycled.	Mar 14, 2012 11:07 AM
109	some are so grotty they can't be reused or recycled, even though we often put	Mar 14, 2012 11:05 AM

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	them into the dishwasher for further use	
110	I reuse them to pick up my dog's shit and then throw them away.	Mar 14, 2012 11:03 AM
111	Do not throw away they go to land fill, where they one day will be source of material	Mar 14, 2012 10:57 AM
112	Use them as trash bags	Mar 14, 2012 10:53 AM
113	Use for dog waste, cat litter, wastebasket liners, car trash	Mar 14, 2012 10:32 AM
114	I don't get many. Usually the only times I come home with them are when I'm purchasing something wet or that I don't want to leak (ice, raw meat), OR when the checker has automatically packed my items into plastic and it would be a hassel to ask them to give me paper instead (assuming I haven't brought my own bags from home). Maybe encourage stores to still ask which type of bag the shopper prefers (thus asking them for a concious decision), or BETTER YET... ask IF they need a bag. That's a lot more to the point, and gives the shopper a chance to consider whether they do. It's not the rote "paper or plastic?" question we're used to. ALSO... I really like having boxes available as an option (which used to be more the case), rather than bags.	Mar 14, 2012 10:23 AM
115	I use them as garbage bags in trash cans.	Mar 14, 2012 10:22 AM
116	pick up dog waste, then throw away	Mar 14, 2012 10:08 AM
117	Where to recycle???	Mar 14, 2012 10:02 AM
118	The majority become dog poop bags. Some are used for bagging things to give to others. Some are garbage can liners.	Mar 14, 2012 10:02 AM
119	Reuse at Food Pantry	Mar 14, 2012 9:57 AM
120	Recycling is NOT convenient	Mar 14, 2012 9:57 AM
121	Some are used for wrapping up disposable diapers.	Mar 14, 2012 9:57 AM
122	use as trash bags in the bathroom, kitchen or for dog doo	Mar 14, 2012 9:29 AM
123	mostly use for liners in kitchen waste basket	Mar 14, 2012 9:29 AM
124	I don't recycle bags that have food waste in them.	Mar 14, 2012 9:19 AM
125	Not sure where to recycle my the plastic bags. It is not easy.	Mar 14, 2012 9:19 AM
126	I use them for poop bags and throw them away.	Mar 14, 2012 9:17 AM
127	i thought i was recycling the bags by placing them in the weekly recycling for some time, when my husban told me that corvallis does not take plastic bags in the recycling, maybe this could be looked into.	Mar 14, 2012 9:17 AM
128	In our family we use them as trash bags throughout the house; most of them are recycled at local groceries	Mar 14, 2012 9:16 AM

Page 2, Q8. Please describe what you do with plastic carry-out bags you receive?

129	some are used to contain loose trash then thrown away	Mar 14, 2012 9:01 AM
130	As mentioned earlier, I reuse my plastic bags over and over and over!	Mar 14, 2012 9:00 AM
131	used as trash can liners	Mar 14, 2012 8:47 AM
132	i reuse plastic bags several times and do not throw out or recycle until it is torn	Mar 14, 2012 8:43 AM
133	bags used for dog poop are thrown away	Mar 14, 2012 8:04 AM
134	To line my wastebaskets	Mar 14, 2012 6:35 AM
135	I reuse them for many purposes and then throw them away instead of throwing away plastic bags a ban would force me to purchase	Mar 13, 2012 11:34 PM
136	These bags are REALLY useful around the house. If I didn't have them I would just have to go out to buy OTHER bags to use in their place	Mar 13, 2012 11:21 PM
137	Dog waste	Mar 13, 2012 8:19 PM
138	I don't recycle them because I use them for animal waste	Mar 13, 2012 8:18 PM
139	Mostly use as a free liner for my trash can.	Mar 13, 2012 8:07 PM
140	doggy poop bags!	Mar 13, 2012 6:59 PM
141	Use for cleaning out cat litter boxes	Mar 13, 2012 4:35 PM
142	I checked "All" for each of these, b/c typically I have no plastic bags (except the little ones that veggies come in). I use these to clean up dog poop. Thus, they are getting repurposed, then thrown away. The rare larger plastic bag I acquire gets used as a trash bag.	Mar 13, 2012 3:57 PM
143	Reuse for Dog Waste	Mar 13, 2012 2:12 PM
144	The majority go from first use to being recycled. As an Artist, I use them as drop cloths and then discard. I use them for pet waste and discard.	Mar 13, 2012 11:03 AM
145	I use plastic bags as liners in my bathroom trash cans	Mar 13, 2012 9:27 AM
146	Need to encourage the use of First Alternative's plastics recycling program.	Mar 13, 2012 7:42 AM
147	I use them for garbage bags in the home and car	Mar 13, 2012 1:24 AM
148	I try never to use a brand new plastic bag; I save cereal and cracker bags and use them for garbage, and reuse the plastic bags I get from food items. I always use canvas bags to replace all other bags, paper and plastic.	Mar 12, 2012 10:19 PM
149	I throw away ones with holes	Mar 12, 2012 8:50 PM
150	I use them as trash bags, hence ultimately they go in the trash.	Mar 12, 2012 8:10 PM
151	We reuse most for really nasty things	Mar 12, 2012 6:54 PM

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152	I reuse plastics for wet garbage that goes into the garbage can from the kitchen	Mar 12, 2012 6:44 PM
153	Take them to soup kitchen for clients to use for take out containers. Use for dog waste. use for food scraps.	Mar 12, 2012 6:33 PM
154	They get tossed when they get a whole	Mar 12, 2012 6:24 PM
155	We use as our home trash bags.	Mar 12, 2012 6:16 PM
156	I have a kitchen garbage can that hold plastic bags so they are used as liners for that and then thrown away with my kitchen garbage - usually only one per week - two in a messy week. I never purchase can liners	Mar 12, 2012 4:57 PM
157	Reuse then reuse except for lining bathroom wastebaskets	Mar 12, 2012 4:09 PM
158	I only throw away ones that have rotten food or are dirty with flour products; I recycle all other bags	Mar 12, 2012 4:08 PM
159	We throw away only plastic bags (very few) which are thoroughly contaminated with food, etc.	Mar 12, 2012 2:58 PM
160	Some bags have small tears so I do not use those for garbage bags.	Mar 12, 2012 2:48 PM
161	Use until un usable and recycle unless very dirty than throw away	Mar 12, 2012 2:06 PM
162	Some are reused for groceries or other purposes. Most are reused as trash bags then thrown away. We do not purchase thicker plastic bags for trash. Those not reused for trash are recycled.	Mar 12, 2012 12:38 PM
163	If I had one I would reuse and reuse and recycle.	Mar 12, 2012 12:33 PM
164	As noted above, most of them are used for cleaning out the cat litter box.	Mar 12, 2012 11:10 AM
165	use to carry out trash.	Mar 12, 2012 10:57 AM
166	use as trash bags	Mar 12, 2012 10:29 AM
167	most of my plastic waste is product packaging	Mar 12, 2012 9:41 AM
168	I generally always reuse plastic bags unless they have a hole or ripped handle.	Mar 12, 2012 9:05 AM
169	Take to the food bank for reuse or use to pick up dog waste	Mar 12, 2012 8:55 AM
170	dog poop	Mar 12, 2012 5:25 AM
171	mostly thrown away or recycled but sometimes used to cleanup messes	Mar 12, 2012 12:50 AM
172	use for dog poop	Mar 11, 2012 10:44 PM
173	Use as a trashcan liner, then throw away	Mar 11, 2012 7:24 PM
174	Different types of plastic bags, ie:; weights, sizes, thicknesses, determine my use of them.	Mar 11, 2012 5:40 PM

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175	take to OSU thrift shop	Mar 11, 2012 2:49 PM
176	use as poop bags for my dogs	Mar 11, 2012 2:41 PM
177	Of course I reuse, but recycled bags go to China so that guilt erasing option is not sustainable. Why didn't you provide info. about what happens to recycled bags, or thrown-away bags? These questions are biased toward "recycling."	Mar 11, 2012 10:17 AM
178	I only throw away if too dirty or slimy to recycle	Mar 10, 2012 11:19 PM
179	I always have my cloth bags	Mar 10, 2012 8:19 PM
180	Some are too dirty/soiled to be recycled	Mar 10, 2012 4:33 PM
181	Newspaper sleeves we keep separate from food bags. We throw away the ones we use for garbage or for poop scoop.	Mar 10, 2012 3:45 PM
182	some are torn and need to be tossed	Mar 10, 2012 2:02 PM
183	They're very handy for taking out and picking up litter in your neighborhood. A lot more could be done by encouraging litter cleanups to beautify our neighborhoods and keep pastics and cigarette butts out of our water ways than by banning bags.	Mar 10, 2012 11:53 AM
184	Plastic bags make great trash bags, but how many can one human use?!!	Mar 10, 2012 11:18 AM
185	If there are no holes in the bags, they're most often used as dog poop bags	Mar 10, 2012 9:39 AM
186	If they get greasy or dirty, I throw them away	Mar 10, 2012 12:11 AM
187	we reuse them all for garden uses	Mar 9, 2012 9:00 PM
188	Never use them	Mar 9, 2012 8:29 PM
189	Main reason I would throw away is if reused for fecal material or other contaminants.	Mar 9, 2012 5:59 PM

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1	NEWSPAPER BAGS TO GAZETTE TIMES	Apr 6, 2012 3:03 PM
2	ALSO PUT IN MY HOME RECYCLING BIN	Apr 6, 2012 7:12 AM
3	Ok, ok, I have thrown away some plastic bags in trash cans if I've picked them up from the street and they are too dirty to deal with.	Apr 4, 2012 3:55 PM
4	donate to Heartland Humane Society	Apr 4, 2012 3:27 PM
5	I haven't used more than one in the past year.	Apr 4, 2012 3:24 PM
6	I put em in the recycle section of my apt complex	Apr 4, 2012 1:53 PM
7	day care center	Apr 4, 2012 10:11 AM
8	I would gladly put them in a recycle bin if it were convenient. Why don't you simply require grocery stores to have them prominently displayed in the front?	Apr 4, 2012 9:50 AM
9	Use them for loose garbage to place inside bigger trash bags to put out for pick up.	Apr 3, 2012 7:31 AM
10	General Garbage Recycling bin and/or wood stove	Apr 2, 2012 9:00 AM
11	My employer also offers plastic bag recycling.	Apr 2, 2012 7:56 AM
12	Place of Employment	Mar 31, 2012 11:49 AM
13	None of your business.	Mar 31, 2012 7:58 AM
14	work	Mar 30, 2012 4:32 PM
15	work	Mar 30, 2012 3:03 PM
16	curbside recycling through local trash company	Mar 25, 2012 5:41 PM
17	We use them for trash bags	Mar 25, 2012 7:28 AM
18	My plastic bags get used up with household garbage.	Mar 24, 2012 4:27 PM
19	I use them to put nasty things in the garbage, to use to wrap breakable items for mailing and storage, to sort items I'm carrying from one place to another, and other various uses.	Mar 24, 2012 1:47 PM
20	see 8.	Mar 21, 2012 8:04 PM
21	curbside recycling	Mar 20, 2012 7:05 PM
22	Read above.	Mar 20, 2012 2:35 PM
23	Workplace	Mar 20, 2012 8:18 AM
24	answer #8	Mar 20, 2012 8:01 AM
25	I burn them!	Mar 19, 2012 4:47 PM

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26	I do not have them	Mar 19, 2012 4:07 PM
27	At the transfer station	Mar 19, 2012 8:22 AM
28	They aren't accepting them now	Mar 18, 2012 8:51 PM
29	Allied Waste won't take them! Don't recycle	Mar 18, 2012 4:03 PM
30	Landfill once they've been rendered unuseable after repeated uses.	Mar 18, 2012 11:52 AM
31	In the garbage can, where they belong. Encouraging people to recycle is MOST DEFINITELY not the proper role of city government!	Mar 18, 2012 9:23 AM
32	My garbage refuse	Mar 17, 2012 10:04 PM
33	Garbage can	Mar 17, 2012 8:40 PM
34	??	Mar 17, 2012 6:15 PM
35	Thrift shops for re-use	Mar 17, 2012 4:32 PM
36	Waste Management	Mar 17, 2012 2:23 PM
37	i recycle by reusing them in my own home.	Mar 17, 2012 11:23 AM
38	We recycle SOME plastic bags; the others used for cat litter.	Mar 17, 2012 11:08 AM
39	I donate them to a local business that re-uses them.	Mar 17, 2012 1:40 AM
40	I have taken some to Fred Meyer when I lived in Eugene. Now they get thrown "away" if there really is such a place.	Mar 16, 2012 9:00 PM
41	Allied Waste bin	Mar 16, 2012 11:38 AM
42	Job site	Mar 16, 2012 1:34 AM
43	Work	Mar 15, 2012 11:04 PM
44	CART'M in Manzanita	Mar 15, 2012 9:47 PM
45	I use them for trash bags.	Mar 15, 2012 8:32 PM
46	I do not recycle plastic bags per say...I reuse them for household waste and place them in the garbage for pickup by Allied Waste	Mar 15, 2012 5:11 PM
47	At the office	Mar 15, 2012 3:29 PM
48	I use them in place of plastic garbage bags I would otherwise use (I self-recycle).	Mar 15, 2012 1:25 PM
49	STUPID IDEA	Mar 15, 2012 9:02 AM
50	we use them until they are no longer useable and then discard/récycle	Mar 15, 2012 7:30 AM
51	I use them for many many things before they get recycled.	Mar 15, 2012 6:25 AM

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52	I don't recycle them because it is not available at my house and I forget to take them back to the store	Mar 14, 2012 8:45 PM
53	In my house for other uses.	Mar 14, 2012 8:45 PM
54	Use in my garbage cans or take items to other people	Mar 14, 2012 8:11 PM
55	See above, but I historically recycled at grocery stores b/c plastic bags cannot be recycled curbside	Mar 14, 2012 7:53 PM
56	This is a private matter and none of your business.	Mar 14, 2012 7:02 PM
57	Comment: this is still not very convenient since I need to make a special trip to those stores that actually do this type of recycling.	Mar 14, 2012 5:33 PM
58	commingled recycling bin	Mar 14, 2012 4:19 PM
59	As stated in several questions above, I use mine for garbage bags and, so far, have not had to purchase garbage bags, so it saves me money.	Mar 14, 2012 2:26 PM
60	Burn.	Mar 14, 2012 2:15 PM
61	OSU Vet Med recycling	Mar 14, 2012 11:41 AM
62	Recycle plastics that aren't suitable for garbage	Mar 14, 2012 11:37 AM
63	Didn't know there was any way to recycle plastic bags.	Mar 14, 2012 11:25 AM
64	Home recycling bin	Mar 14, 2012 11:14 AM
65	We discard them after MANY re-uses, when they are so icky they cannot be recycled (Note that the recycling depots specify "clean" bags	Mar 14, 2012 11:05 AM
66	The go to Allied waste land will where one day the will be uses as resource	Mar 14, 2012 10:57 AM
67	give it to friends that need bags	Mar 14, 2012 10:51 AM
68	Winco	Mar 14, 2012 10:01 AM
69	store in my garage	Mar 14, 2012 9:57 AM
70	use for home waste	Mar 14, 2012 9:57 AM
71	I don't typically use plastic carry-out bags.	Mar 14, 2012 9:45 AM
72	use them at home	Mar 14, 2012 9:14 AM
73	Fred Meyer	Mar 14, 2012 8:35 AM
74	I put them in my recycle bin for Allied Waste	Mar 14, 2012 7:45 AM
75	reuse	Mar 13, 2012 9:57 PM
76	Allied Waste receptacles are ALWAYS jammed and full but easiest place for me	Mar 13, 2012 7:26 PM

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	to remember to bring bags.	
77	First Alternative Co-op, South Corvallis	Mar 13, 2012 4:35 PM
78	Poop bags	Mar 13, 2012 2:12 PM
79	So. Corv. Food Bank uses them for their clients	Mar 13, 2012 8:43 AM
80	reuse until they get nonfunctional, then the land fill	Mar 12, 2012 10:37 PM
81	We reuse them a time or two and then they are usually damaged and thrown away.	Mar 12, 2012 8:37 PM
82	Work	Mar 12, 2012 6:50 PM
83	I use them at home until they get a hole in them.	Mar 12, 2012 6:24 PM
84	we have bins at work now too so I have been using those	Mar 12, 2012 4:57 PM
85	ARC	Mar 12, 2012 4:39 PM
86	I use for packing in shipping boxes for presents to family.	Mar 12, 2012 4:09 PM
87	I use them as garbage bags.	Mar 12, 2012 2:48 PM
88	pass them along to resale shops such as Vina Moses	Mar 12, 2012 1:00 PM
89	Recycled via repeated home use.	Mar 11, 2012 5:40 PM
90	don't have any to recycle	Mar 11, 2012 2:49 PM
91	I didn't realize that we could recycle plastic bags!!!!!!!!!!	Mar 11, 2012 10:49 AM
92	Even if I did recycle it, single-use plastic bags are not "recycled" they are "downcycled." Use correct language if you want accuracy.	Mar 11, 2012 10:17 AM
93	newspaper bags back to G-T	Mar 11, 2012 8:06 AM
94	in recycling bin at apartment complex	Mar 10, 2012 11:22 PM
95	didn't know I could	Mar 10, 2012 9:00 PM
96	I do not have plastic carry-out bags	Mar 10, 2012 8:19 PM
97	I wish there were more CLEAN, WELL-MAINTAINED recycling options (like adding one to Trader Joes and Market of Choice)	Mar 10, 2012 4:28 PM
98	Some bags come home from day care with dirty clothes in them, and they get mixed with clean plastic bags, so I haven't felt comfortable recycling them if I'm not separating them.	Mar 10, 2012 3:58 PM
99	I usually reuse them for trash bags	Mar 10, 2012 2:27 PM
100	also donate to non-profits who re-use them	Mar 10, 2012 2:02 PM

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101	I'm building up a sufficient surplus to make it worthwhile to do	Mar 10, 2012 12:40 AM
102	poopie bags for pets,	Mar 9, 2012 9:50 PM
103	Never use them	Mar 9, 2012 8:29 PM

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1	Should be accepted in recycle carts	Apr 5, 2012 11:37 PM
2	Doubt that the need supports more recycling.	Apr 5, 2012 1:00 PM
3	In the recycle carts at home	Apr 5, 2012 9:40 AM
4	Curbside pickup	Apr 4, 2012 4:57 PM
5	It would be convenient to have more drop off locations for plastic film recycling.	Apr 4, 2012 4:16 PM
6	Each store that would continue to use them should be willing to 'handle' them as returns for recycling.	Apr 4, 2012 3:55 PM
7	all stores have bin	Apr 4, 2012 3:42 PM
8	I'd like to be able to recycle them with my other plastics.	Apr 4, 2012 3:41 PM
9	separate curbside bin	Apr 4, 2012 3:38 PM
10	Don't hand them out in the first place.	Apr 4, 2012 3:29 PM
11	Let the bag users decide what to do with them--we will use them and/or recyle as needed for each family.	Apr 4, 2012 1:54 PM
12	more drop off containers	Apr 4, 2012 10:11 AM
13	Curbside	Apr 4, 2012 10:05 AM
14	see answer to number 9 above.	Apr 4, 2012 9:50 AM
15	I hope there's more options--I'm not an expert.	Apr 4, 2012 9:35 AM
16	More stores should provide recycling bins	Apr 4, 2012 8:35 AM
17	more advertisement of recycle options	Apr 4, 2012 3:26 AM
18	Again, I do not see a true recycling option, as there is no market for this stream.	Apr 3, 2012 8:45 PM
19	more places to recycle them	Apr 3, 2012 5:23 PM
20	Make a drop place just like for recycling bottles	Apr 3, 2012 4:39 PM
21	at home	Apr 3, 2012 4:11 PM
22	It'd be nice, but not required.	Apr 3, 2012 3:58 PM
23	Curbside	Apr 3, 2012 3:52 PM
24	curbside	Apr 3, 2012 3:31 PM
25	Need more education about recycling options	Apr 3, 2012 2:12 PM
26	Curbside pickup would be IDEAL!	Apr 3, 2012 11:21 AM

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27	I didn't even know those other places recycled plastic bags.	Apr 3, 2012 11:20 AM
28	curbside comingled recycling	Apr 3, 2012 11:06 AM
29	Plastic bag pick up recycling at homes	Apr 2, 2012 9:08 PM
30	additional collection stations	Apr 2, 2012 9:05 AM
31	more in store options	Apr 2, 2012 8:30 AM
32	If the city wants to do something, this seems like a better place to start than a ban. Perhaps a container attached to downtown refuse receptacles, or an ordinance requiring retailers to provide plastic bag recycling containers on-site.	Apr 2, 2012 7:56 AM
33	In home bins	Apr 1, 2012 9:30 PM
34	Provide easy to find plastic bag recycle bins.	Mar 31, 2012 5:57 PM
35	just ban them!!!!	Mar 31, 2012 3:13 PM
36	The City should impose a tax on re-usable bags high enough to fund the recycling of plastic carry-out bags.	Mar 31, 2012 7:58 AM
37	not sure	Mar 31, 2012 7:04 AM
38	Curbside	Mar 31, 2012 5:53 AM
39	make it convenient for people to recycle.	Mar 30, 2012 9:06 PM
40	pick up at curb would be nice especially for the elderly or those who don't drive	Mar 30, 2012 7:05 PM
41	curbside cart (educate on how to do this without them blowing all over the place...bundle them up)	Mar 30, 2012 4:32 PM
42	nor more options, just more locations easier to find.	Mar 30, 2012 3:57 PM
43	Curbside recycling	Mar 30, 2012 3:21 PM
44	No more options, but more communication of the options	Mar 30, 2012 3:03 PM
45	I don't know about any options available, but would like to.	Mar 30, 2012 12:31 PM
46	we wouldnt need options if they were banned as they are in the rest of the civilized world.	Mar 30, 2012 10:06 AM
47	Allied waste curbside recycling	Mar 30, 2012 9:24 AM
48	Less bags	Mar 30, 2012 9:17 AM
49	Finding the recycle bins can be difficult. Stores don't seem to have it as high priority.	Mar 30, 2012 8:05 AM
50	just more	Mar 30, 2012 7:57 AM

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51	Juast like I can take this survey over and over, plastic bags should be used again and again	Mar 30, 2012 7:53 AM
52	curbside with other household recycleables would be handy	Mar 30, 2012 7:38 AM
53	Additional centers where plastic bags can be deposited.	Mar 29, 2012 4:33 PM
54	I am not aware of any places to recycle plastic bags	Mar 29, 2012 10:27 AM
55	curbside	Mar 28, 2012 1:07 PM
56	They really should be banned, but perhaps the retail stores that use them should take them back and recycle them..	Mar 27, 2012 5:32 PM
57	something closer to home	Mar 27, 2012 9:31 AM
58	Allow us to dump them in the recycle bin	Mar 26, 2012 9:49 PM
59	curbside pickup	Mar 26, 2012 8:52 PM
60	Curbside pickup would be nice.	Mar 26, 2012 7:10 PM
61	pick up in recycling container with other stuff.	Mar 26, 2012 6:20 PM
62	If we aren't allowed to use them anymore.	Mar 23, 2012 10:44 AM
63	curbside recycling	Mar 22, 2012 2:28 PM
64	Put them in the recycling bin or drop boxes at 'large' retailers that use disposable bags.	Mar 22, 2012 9:31 AM
65	larger bins at Allied Waste	Mar 21, 2012 8:21 PM
66	home pickup	Mar 21, 2012 4:28 PM
67	it would be nice to have them picked up on trash/recycle day	Mar 21, 2012 6:12 AM
68	Greater availability	Mar 20, 2012 10:50 PM
69	Curb side recycling	Mar 20, 2012 9:52 PM
70	More knowledge about how to do it and where	Mar 20, 2012 9:49 PM
71	Dirty plastic bags vs clean plastic bags	Mar 20, 2012 8:21 PM
72	More options	Mar 20, 2012 7:03 PM
73	Allied Waste pick-up	Mar 20, 2012 7:01 PM
74	Should be able to have allied Waste pick up with comingled recycling	Mar 20, 2012 3:25 PM
75	Recycle in recycle bin.	Mar 20, 2012 2:54 PM
76	Allied waste	Mar 20, 2012 2:25 PM

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77	see below	Mar 20, 2012 2:17 PM
78	they can be used in reart	Mar 20, 2012 1:08 PM
79	cart option from allied , like other recyclebles	Mar 20, 2012 1:02 PM
80	A seperate recylce bin to put out to be picked up with our other recycled items on our garbage day. Or like they do for batteries and stuff once a year have a big recyle your plastic bags collection.	Mar 20, 2012 12:47 PM
81	There should be an option for curbside disposal	Mar 20, 2012 11:18 AM
82	.	Mar 20, 2012 11:02 AM
83	More places around town to drop off. However I prefer restrictions on plastic use.	Mar 20, 2012 9:46 AM
84	More locations and/or with curbside	Mar 20, 2012 8:18 AM
85	Inform public of their options.	Mar 20, 2012 7:56 AM
86	There should be more places that recycle bags so that people are more aware of it and more likely to recycle them!	Mar 20, 2012 12:46 AM
87	Curbside	Mar 19, 2012 8:01 PM
88	The options aren't visible enough.	Mar 19, 2012 7:47 PM
89	More locations to recycle	Mar 19, 2012 6:18 PM
90	after several times reusing at home...have a better drop off recycle option available to users.	Mar 19, 2012 4:44 PM
91	Curb-side pick up or recycling bins for the bags near entrance/exits of stores	Mar 19, 2012 3:49 PM
92	More retailers offering to recycle the bags.	Mar 19, 2012 2:38 PM
93	if they could be recycled with some food residue...	Mar 19, 2012 2:01 PM
94	Curbside	Mar 19, 2012 12:59 PM
95	All companies that give plastic bags to customers should have a recycling program for these bags.	Mar 19, 2012 11:09 AM
96	The burden shouldn't necessarily be on retailers. More locations around town would be helpful.	Mar 19, 2012 10:26 AM
97	Retailers should offer recyclable plastic (which I have seen, although not often).	Mar 19, 2012 9:40 AM
98	All retailers that supply them should be willing to accept them for recycling.	Mar 19, 2012 9:13 AM
99	more drop off options	Mar 19, 2012 8:24 AM
100	More retailers should take them	Mar 19, 2012 7:54 AM

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101	No idea	Mar 18, 2012 8:51 PM
102	Anywhere that has plastic carryout plastic bags should have a recycling site	Mar 18, 2012 8:40 PM
103	Include with other curbside recycled items	Mar 18, 2012 8:28 PM
104	Allied waste takes them	Mar 18, 2012 4:03 PM
105	The store that uses plastic carry-out bags MUST accept them back for recycling.	Mar 18, 2012 2:12 PM
106	Make retailers use oxo-biodegradable bags.	Mar 18, 2012 11:56 AM
107	Attract manufacturer of plastic 2x4, 2x6, etc	Mar 18, 2012 10:52 AM
108	more convenience, even curbside recycling	Mar 17, 2012 2:30 PM
109	Just make them all biodegradable	Mar 17, 2012 1:45 PM
110	pickup by Allied Waste	Mar 17, 2012 12:59 PM
111	Dedicated bin at recycling centers if not already there	Mar 17, 2012 11:58 AM
112	Co-mingled recycling pickup	Mar 17, 2012 11:47 AM
113	Provide education about businesses that can re-use plastic bags	Mar 17, 2012 1:40 AM
114	I feel they should be recycled by the trash services so people have to do minimal work since so many are reluctant to do anything that inconveniences them.	Mar 16, 2012 9:00 PM
115	education on drop=off points. not everyone can drive to the coop.	Mar 16, 2012 7:58 PM
116	I wish Albany had everything Corvallis does in their recycling area	Mar 16, 2012 5:05 PM
117	Maybe with our comingled recycling	Mar 16, 2012 2:46 PM
118	maybe get a few cents for recycling like bottles and cans	Mar 16, 2012 2:14 PM
119	Allied Waste home pickup	Mar 16, 2012 1:19 PM
120	Perhaps at every retailer who uses them	Mar 16, 2012 12:25 PM
121	Need more drop spots.	Mar 16, 2012 11:48 AM
122	I think making the options obvious.	Mar 16, 2012 11:31 AM
123	Should be able to put in at home recycle container.	Mar 16, 2012 9:51 AM
124	every store that offers them should have a recycling for the bags	Mar 16, 2012 9:07 AM
125	public recycling receptacles might help	Mar 16, 2012 8:37 AM
126	more plastic bag recycling centers in corvallis!	Mar 16, 2012 6:55 AM
127	Curb side	Mar 16, 2012 1:34 AM

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128	AlliedWaste Home Recycling Carts	Mar 16, 2012 1:14 AM
129	Thin film drop off sites or pickup option at curb side	Mar 15, 2012 9:47 PM
130	combined recycling bins	Mar 15, 2012 9:46 PM
131	All stores that supply plastic bags should have a recycling container & they should verify that the bags are actually taken to an appropriate recycling center.	Mar 15, 2012 9:36 PM
132	Bagged in the curbside recycling would be great.	Mar 15, 2012 9:34 PM
133	More places to recycle if not banned	Mar 15, 2012 9:22 PM
134	It would be nice if they were also picked up with curbside recycling.	Mar 15, 2012 9:02 PM
135	Curb pick-up. Convenience helps.	Mar 15, 2012 8:51 PM
136	Curbside or at stores?	Mar 15, 2012 8:32 PM
137	Also other single use plastic bags, like the ones frozen produce comes in.	Mar 15, 2012 7:57 PM
138	Curbside!	Mar 15, 2012 7:40 PM
139	Curbside pickup like the rest of the recyclables.	Mar 15, 2012 7:26 PM
140	More locations	Mar 15, 2012 6:50 PM
141	Should be able to go into comingled recycling or have an option to include them in with glass or something along those lines.	Mar 15, 2012 5:16 PM
142	Yes	Mar 15, 2012 5:07 PM
143	Curbside only	Mar 15, 2012 4:57 PM
144	Can we just put them into the curbside recycle bin?	Mar 15, 2012 4:41 PM
145	Not until you have 'no option' recycling containers for all goods/food purchased in the stores or restaurants.	Mar 15, 2012 4:35 PM
146	Most people don't realize you can recycle them. It'd be great if they could be included in the mixed curbside recycling bins.	Mar 15, 2012 4:27 PM
147	Tell more people were	Mar 15, 2012 4:25 PM
148	Best option is KEEP THEM OUT OF TOWN. Reduce is the FIRST part of reduce, reuse, recycle. Recycle is the last alternative!	Mar 15, 2012 3:29 PM
149	Curb-side would be great	Mar 15, 2012 2:39 PM
150	Give residents of apartments the option of recycling plastic bags.	Mar 15, 2012 1:51 PM
151	we deont need plastic carry out bags so no need to recycle them	Mar 15, 2012 1:44 PM
152	Should have curb pick-up just like glass and other recyclables	Mar 15, 2012 1:25 PM

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153	all stores that hand them out must provide for recycle	Mar 15, 2012 12:41 PM
154	They should be included in the Waste Management recycling pickup at people's homes.	Mar 15, 2012 12:40 PM
155	Have option with Allied Waste to pickup	Mar 15, 2012 12:37 PM
156	perhaps a bin at the store	Mar 15, 2012 12:29 PM
157	more places to drop off used bags	Mar 15, 2012 12:26 PM
158	allied waste picks up with glass	Mar 15, 2012 12:15 PM
159	recycle containers at home?	Mar 15, 2012 12:06 PM
160	Would have to research what other communities are doing.	Mar 15, 2012 11:56 AM
161	listed above in question #5	Mar 15, 2012 11:22 AM
162	As long as single-use plastic bags are used, retailers should subsidize true recycling programs as they do with cans and bottles. Of course, the cost would be passed on to consumers, but these bags must be banned or dealt with properly!	Mar 15, 2012 10:52 AM
163	Retailers should take them back and reuse them	Mar 15, 2012 9:45 AM
164	More people would do it if Allied Waste accepted them	Mar 15, 2012 9:34 AM
165	recycling bins required in stores that have plastic bags for customer use	Mar 15, 2012 9:22 AM
166	Any establishment that gives out plastic bags should have a recycle station.	Mar 15, 2012 9:20 AM
167	I don't think many people realize you can recycle them	Mar 15, 2012 9:14 AM
168	curbside	Mar 15, 2012 8:49 AM
169	I	Mar 15, 2012 7:57 AM
170	If we could include them in the recycle bins, that would help	Mar 15, 2012 7:48 AM
171	if people want to recycle, they will. Leave people alone	Mar 15, 2012 7:12 AM
172	allow in curbside pickup bins	Mar 15, 2012 6:00 AM
173	Have them at all grocery stores if possible. And educate people.	Mar 15, 2012 4:07 AM
174	Same as now, but with detailed lists of acceptable bag types, instead of just "clean plastic bags, remove paper."	Mar 15, 2012 2:11 AM
175	Provide a recycling area at every grocery store or at home recycling box.	Mar 15, 2012 1:43 AM
176	More known areas to recycle at	Mar 15, 2012 12:50 AM
177	If not, more, but more obvious options at all retail and grocery stores	Mar 15, 2012 12:32 AM

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178	Garbage services should provide recycling of plastic bags	Mar 14, 2012 10:41 PM
179	Separate but on curbside like glass would be much more convenient	Mar 14, 2012 10:30 PM
180	City pick up along with expansion of other plastic recyclables, especially for elderly residents and mothers who cannot always get to recycling facilities	Mar 14, 2012 10:20 PM
181	be able to put them with recycle stuff for allied waste	Mar 14, 2012 9:59 PM
182	Allied waste	Mar 14, 2012 9:49 PM
183	curbside	Mar 14, 2012 9:46 PM
184	it would be nice if they could be included in curbside pickup	Mar 14, 2012 9:22 PM
185	When they get too hard to clean, we need an option that will burn them as they do in Switzerland, and create energy from them.	Mar 14, 2012 9:09 PM
186	recycle from home	Mar 14, 2012 8:56 PM
187	I don't know, it just needs to be more convenient	Mar 14, 2012 8:54 PM
188	More locations	Mar 14, 2012 8:45 PM
189	If I could put them in the recycling at home, then I would do so.	Mar 14, 2012 8:31 PM
190	I'm obviously not aware of the options because I didn't know you could recycle them, I think I should be able to recycle them with my comingled recycling	Mar 14, 2012 8:21 PM
191	Want to recycle with weekly recycling	Mar 14, 2012 8:09 PM
192	curb-side recycling	Mar 14, 2012 8:06 PM
193	we should be able to put them in our curbside recycling	Mar 14, 2012 8:04 PM
194	Provide more recycle bins at more stores.	Mar 14, 2012 7:36 PM
195	Education to all residents about where they can recycle the bags, an easy and convenient location, (curbside preferably) so that all citizens can utilize a recycling program.	Mar 14, 2012 7:02 PM
196	They could be picked up with other curbside recycling	Mar 14, 2012 5:58 PM
197	all businesses that give them out	Mar 14, 2012 5:48 PM
198	To be able to somehow put them out with the weekly garbage collection.	Mar 14, 2012 5:33 PM
199	Grocery Stores, curb side pick-up (like glass)	Mar 14, 2012 5:29 PM
200	More plastic recycling	Mar 14, 2012 5:02 PM
201	Personally, I'm not sure where plastic bags should be taken for recycling	Mar 14, 2012 4:42 PM
202	YES, yes... and yes!!!! More locations (i.e. EVERY grocery store) with labeled	Mar 14, 2012 4:32 PM

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	recycle cans, so there is no confusion between recycling can and trash can.	
203	For example, I use some plastic bags to contain items in order to protect them from dust and water.	Mar 14, 2012 4:31 PM
204	Weekly recycling option with garbage	Mar 14, 2012 4:27 PM
205	if only there was a way they could go into the tan recycle bin?	Mar 14, 2012 4:27 PM
206	Keep doing what is being done!	Mar 14, 2012 4:11 PM
207	More obvious options...more education and marketing	Mar 14, 2012 3:41 PM
208	ban bags, this question goes away	Mar 14, 2012 3:34 PM
209	Allied Waste drop off	Mar 14, 2012 3:33 PM
210	Yes, but the public should know most end up as garbage either here or burnt as fuel in China. People recycling the "convenient" use of plastic bags is a cop-out for feeling like they are recycling when in fact it will always remain as trash-- either here or in China.	Mar 14, 2012 3:16 PM
211	Allied Waste should pick them up.	Mar 14, 2012 3:09 PM
212	more guidance about what we can recycle and where it can be done	Mar 14, 2012 2:56 PM
213	Recycle with rest of recyclables	Mar 14, 2012 2:47 PM
214	All stores that give plastic bags should also have a bin for recycling.	Mar 14, 2012 2:17 PM
215	Or stop making them all together.	Mar 14, 2012 2:16 PM
216	Recycle containers inside the entrance to stores would help.	Mar 14, 2012 2:15 PM
217	encourage recycling of plastic film too	Mar 14, 2012 2:00 PM
218	Is this part of curbside recycling?	Mar 14, 2012 1:57 PM
219	is it part of curbside recycling?	Mar 14, 2012 1:49 PM
220	Corvallis Recycling may be able to help.	Mar 14, 2012 1:47 PM
221	perhaps more education would be useful on recycling. Another recycling option would probably help in leu of disposing them in a landfill.	Mar 14, 2012 1:42 PM
222	All places that provide carry-out plastic bags should have recycling options.	Mar 14, 2012 1:39 PM
223	Curbside would be nice!	Mar 14, 2012 1:35 PM
224	If a store uses them they should provide a place to recycle them.	Mar 14, 2012 1:33 PM
225	curbside pickup	Mar 14, 2012 1:29 PM
226	more places	Mar 14, 2012 1:11 PM

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227	more places to recycle bags	Mar 14, 2012 12:55 PM
228	not all stores have recycle bins and many are not well advertised	Mar 14, 2012 12:42 PM
229	Recycle for plastic bags for trash carrier to pick up	Mar 14, 2012 12:40 PM
230	Curb-side pickup is always the easiest	Mar 14, 2012 12:24 PM
231	perhaps the retailers would be interested in an option to have recycle centers or machines	Mar 14, 2012 12:23 PM
232	Sanipac (Eugene) accepts plastic bags in their comingled recycling - having this option in Corvallis would reach a larger sector of the public than the current options.	Mar 14, 2012 12:21 PM
233	A 'system' to incorporate with curbside program	Mar 14, 2012 12:12 PM
234	curbside pick up	Mar 14, 2012 11:59 AM
235	dont know how feasible, but I would recycle a lot more if they could be picked up with co-mingled recycling.	Mar 14, 2012 11:48 AM
236	Recycling at all grocery stores (do they have this already?)	Mar 14, 2012 11:46 AM
237	curbside would be nice	Mar 14, 2012 11:43 AM
238	keep a bag fill it recycle many bags at once	Mar 14, 2012 11:42 AM
239	They should be accepted in curbside recycling.	Mar 14, 2012 11:41 AM
240	Finding workable solutions so shoppers do recycle. More recycle places.	Mar 14, 2012 11:40 AM
241	In recycling bins to Allied Waste	Mar 14, 2012 11:37 AM
242	any	Mar 14, 2012 11:35 AM
243	At home recycling services along with current recycling at an extra fee so people won't have to travel from home.	Mar 14, 2012 11:35 AM
244	Would be nice if they could be picked up curb-side	Mar 14, 2012 11:32 AM
245	Every grocery should have a recycle station for these.	Mar 14, 2012 11:27 AM
246	Please make recycling easier and convenient -- most folks are willing to do this.	Mar 14, 2012 11:25 AM
247	curbside or places to take them	Mar 14, 2012 11:16 AM
248	more locations for taking bags; reused more in manufacturing	Mar 14, 2012 11:15 AM
249	Pick up by allied waste with other recycling	Mar 14, 2012 11:14 AM
250	More available drop-off locations	Mar 14, 2012 11:10 AM
251	At every retailer that offers the bags new.	Mar 14, 2012 11:06 AM

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252	Any way they can be added to the Allied Waste recycling bins? And if they didn't have to be CLEAN, that would help.	Mar 14, 2012 11:05 AM
253	in store recycling bins	Mar 14, 2012 10:54 AM
254	see what other cities in europe do	Mar 14, 2012 10:51 AM
255	commingle with other recycling	Mar 14, 2012 10:40 AM
256	All safeways have them at the entrances, not sure if other do but if all supermarkets were required to have a station that leaves no excuse not to do it. Everyone visits a grocery store.	Mar 14, 2012 10:39 AM
257	allow large bag collection to be put in AW recycling bins	Mar 14, 2012 10:37 AM
258	It would be nice if Allied Waste could accept bags in communal recycling bins (i.e.: at apartment complexes); Could use a 'neighborhood' recycling station, where a small community has access to a shared drop off point for recyclables.	Mar 14, 2012 10:35 AM
259	Curbside would be great, or having larger bins at the grocery.	Mar 14, 2012 10:32 AM
260	Availability for curbside pickup of bundles of plastic bags	Mar 14, 2012 10:29 AM
261	Make more visible and accessible in grocery stores (for example, not tucked away in customer service). Recycle bins/bags right at the front door makes it easy for people to drop their bags off without needing to park and go into the store if they weren't already going to shop. Have recycling available at convenience stores (if not already there).	Mar 14, 2012 10:23 AM
262	to put into the recycling provided from home	Mar 14, 2012 10:10 AM
263	I think curbside recycling would greatly improve the chances of bag recycling.	Mar 14, 2012 10:07 AM
264	It would be nice to throw them into the comingled recycling that is picked up from home.	Mar 14, 2012 10:05 AM
265	make into outdoor fabric	Mar 14, 2012 10:03 AM
266	Didn't know there were options	Mar 14, 2012 10:02 AM
267	I want to self bag them and put them in my comingled recycling bin.	Mar 14, 2012 10:02 AM
268	Include in curbside. Needed for other plastic bags like newspaper bags or produce bags or bread bags...	Mar 14, 2012 9:57 AM
269	Retailers need to have VISIBLE containers for recycling bags.	Mar 14, 2012 9:57 AM
270	More stores should have recycling bins	Mar 14, 2012 9:49 AM
271	curbside, groceries	Mar 14, 2012 9:46 AM
272	More Publicity that recycling areas are available in stores	Mar 14, 2012 9:44 AM
273	in our recycling bins	Mar 14, 2012 9:42 AM

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274	Being able to recycle them at home	Mar 14, 2012 9:41 AM
275	more public awarness	Mar 14, 2012 9:37 AM
276	Most stores don't "highlight" their bag recycling facilities	Mar 14, 2012 9:30 AM
277	somehow plastic film included in curbside	Mar 14, 2012 9:29 AM
278	Special curbside recycling	Mar 14, 2012 9:25 AM
279	How about pick up with the rest of our recyclng?	Mar 14, 2012 9:23 AM
280	More places to take them, curb side recycling	Mar 14, 2012 9:22 AM
281	Easier to find? Where are they now? I don't even know	Mar 14, 2012 9:21 AM
282	at the grocery store	Mar 14, 2012 9:19 AM
283	Yearly plastic Bag Sweep	Mar 14, 2012 9:19 AM
284	Perhaps curbside?	Mar 14, 2012 9:19 AM
285	Albertson's needs a recycling center	Mar 14, 2012 9:18 AM
286	curbside recycling	Mar 14, 2012 9:17 AM
287	can we add this to curbside recycling at a reasonable cost?	Mar 14, 2012 9:17 AM
288	More sites to recycle them; require all stores that use them to have a recycling stations near the front of the store.	Mar 14, 2012 9:16 AM
289	that depends upon whether or not they're banned	Mar 14, 2012 9:14 AM
290	Can recycle with normal recycling?	Mar 14, 2012 9:13 AM
291	Recycle through Allied Waste	Mar 14, 2012 9:09 AM
292	More locations, like at stores	Mar 14, 2012 9:04 AM
293	don't need more options, but i would like to be more confident that they are indeed being recycled and not just dumped	Mar 14, 2012 9:01 AM
294	Education would be nice to let others know of ways to reuse the bags!	Mar 14, 2012 9:00 AM
295	Plastic Bags should be recycled through Allied Waste home pickup	Mar 14, 2012 8:55 AM
296	more stores accept the bags	Mar 14, 2012 8:54 AM
297	Allow them to be picked up by Allied Waste	Mar 14, 2012 8:53 AM
298	Limits placed on what kind of plastic bag can be recycled	Mar 14, 2012 8:51 AM
299	More places	Mar 14, 2012 8:49 AM

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300	curbside	Mar 14, 2012 8:47 AM
301	Make it easier to recycle	Mar 14, 2012 8:44 AM
302	It would be nice to have satellite recycling centers around town and in outlying areas.	Mar 14, 2012 8:43 AM
303	Station at stores.	Mar 14, 2012 8:40 AM
304	Additional recycle locations.	Mar 14, 2012 8:35 AM
305	every place that gives them out should take them back in a convenient in store location	Mar 14, 2012 8:19 AM
306	More stores with places to recycle.	Mar 14, 2012 8:16 AM
307	should be included in allied waste recycle options	Mar 14, 2012 8:15 AM
308	treat like glass for monthly recycle pick-up; separate bin	Mar 14, 2012 8:04 AM
309	More places in town to recycle plastic bags, please!	Mar 14, 2012 7:45 AM
310	I would like to add them to my recycling bin.	Mar 14, 2012 7:15 AM
311	need more places to recycle	Mar 14, 2012 7:06 AM
312	Inform consumers where they take plastic bags to recycle!	Mar 14, 2012 6:35 AM
313	every place that offers them should collect the used ones	Mar 13, 2012 10:32 PM
314	be processed by allied waste	Mar 13, 2012 9:55 PM
315	curbside	Mar 13, 2012 8:18 PM
316	From home via my Allied Waste recycle bin.	Mar 13, 2012 8:07 PM
317	need curbside pickup	Mar 13, 2012 6:53 PM
318	Retailers should buy them back or at least have an active recycle/reuse program.	Mar 13, 2012 4:48 PM
319	Everywhere.	Mar 13, 2012 4:28 PM
320	Weekly collection by Allied Waste in Recycle carts	Mar 13, 2012 4:15 PM
321	But I do think people need to be more aware of where they can recycle their bags (i.e. not in their carts).	Mar 13, 2012 3:57 PM
322	Recycling centers	Mar 13, 2012 2:12 PM
323	pick up at house on recycling day - Allied Waste	Mar 13, 2012 2:12 PM
324	curbside comingled recycling	Mar 13, 2012 12:50 PM

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325	curbside	Mar 13, 2012 12:44 PM
326	I might recycle some if it was more convenient.	Mar 13, 2012 12:18 PM
327	We have no grocery in South Corvallis. Couldn't Allied Waste provide a location on the South side of town.	Mar 13, 2012 11:56 AM
328	more recycle bins at groc stores	Mar 13, 2012 11:19 AM
329	Always take them to store, is curbside an option?	Mar 13, 2012 11:03 AM
330	I'm not confident that recyclers don't just send them to China.	Mar 13, 2012 10:55 AM
331	curbside pick-up with other recycling	Mar 13, 2012 10:38 AM
332	have home pickup, maybe combined with glass pickup	Mar 13, 2012 9:45 AM
333	Ideally, they could be recycled in the general street cart from AW. Otherwise, better information is needed about where to take them.	Mar 13, 2012 9:04 AM
334	Just make it easier	Mar 13, 2012 8:43 AM
335	institute bio-degradable plastic bags....duh!	Mar 13, 2012 8:31 AM
336	Find a way to include plastic bags in curbside recycling.	Mar 13, 2012 7:42 AM
337	curbside with other recyclables	Mar 13, 2012 6:39 AM
338	I would like to have a way to recycle curbside like all the other recycles	Mar 13, 2012 1:48 AM
339	more visible in-store containers	Mar 13, 2012 1:24 AM
340	more drop off locations	Mar 12, 2012 11:39 PM
341	Part of curb side allied recycling	Mar 12, 2012 11:12 PM
342	I did not know I could recycle them.	Mar 12, 2012 10:50 PM
343	Through curbside recycling programs	Mar 12, 2012 10:30 PM
344	Should be mandatory at all grocery stores (including First Alt Co-op)	Mar 12, 2012 10:19 PM
345	all grocery stores should offer the option	Mar 12, 2012 10:13 PM
346	Curb side recycling	Mar 12, 2012 9:43 PM
347	May be but I am not much aware of it	Mar 12, 2012 9:24 PM
348	More recycle stations. The current ones are always overflowing.	Mar 12, 2012 8:53 PM
349	I think stores should be able to reuse clean bags if customers are willing to let their groceries be bagged that way. I am under the impression this is currently not allowed.	Mar 12, 2012 8:10 PM

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350	Allowing them in mixed recycling bin would increase recycling.	Mar 12, 2012 7:49 PM
351	Increase education/visibility of recycle programs.	Mar 12, 2012 7:34 PM
352	more convenience stores need them	Mar 12, 2012 7:05 PM
353	Would prefer ban, but if not possible, Allied Waste should pick them up	Mar 12, 2012 7:03 PM
354	It's not always easy to find a place that recycles them	Mar 12, 2012 6:54 PM
355	All retail stores that use plastics	Mar 12, 2012 6:44 PM
356	mixed recycle cart.	Mar 12, 2012 6:33 PM
357	in allied waste recycle container...?	Mar 12, 2012 6:07 PM
358	Curb-side pick up every other week	Mar 12, 2012 5:32 PM
359	More education about locations	Mar 12, 2012 5:15 PM
360	More facilities to take them	Mar 12, 2012 5:05 PM
361	curbside pickup - I think participation in recycling would increase dramatically if provided	Mar 12, 2012 4:57 PM
362	more locations to put plastic bags for recycling	Mar 12, 2012 4:52 PM
363	If I could recycle them in my cart I would.	Mar 12, 2012 4:48 PM
364	should be able to recycle with rest of recyclables	Mar 12, 2012 4:35 PM
365	Everywhere they are used to bag anything.	Mar 12, 2012 4:34 PM
366	Since they cannot be placed in curbside recycling (which needs to be overcome in it's own time), it would be nice to have more community options especially on the south side of town.	Mar 12, 2012 4:33 PM
367	part of curbside pickup	Mar 12, 2012 4:31 PM
368	Curbside Recycling	Mar 12, 2012 4:19 PM
369	would help if they could be recycled curbside	Mar 12, 2012 4:18 PM
370	Provide information about it. I didn't know you can recycle them!	Mar 12, 2012 4:16 PM
371	Recycle pick up service; university bag recycling	Mar 12, 2012 4:14 PM
372	Not sure how it would be done, but needs to be done	Mar 12, 2012 4:06 PM
373	lots of Education amd PR is very much needed!	Mar 12, 2012 4:05 PM
374	Yes, near people's homes.	Mar 12, 2012 4:02 PM
375	Every major Grocery Store should have a place to recycle, I am fairly positive	Mar 12, 2012 4:01 PM

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	that the Co-op would collect them if they were available	
376	All grocery stores	Mar 12, 2012 3:54 PM
377	more education about locations	Mar 12, 2012 3:40 PM
378	Be able to include in curbside Allied Waste recycling pickup	Mar 12, 2012 3:12 PM
379	Yes, an independent recycler could partner with a grocery store and provide recycling options at every location where plastic bags are dispensed.	Mar 12, 2012 2:48 PM
380	something with allied waste's pick-up	Mar 12, 2012 2:41 PM
381	I think there should be a major concerted effort to pull them out of homes and into recycling collections centers at all major stores.	Mar 12, 2012 2:41 PM
382	more places to recycle	Mar 12, 2012 2:36 PM
383	Fee for plastic and option for paper without fee; outright ban of plastic because of high exteranized costs	Mar 12, 2012 2:27 PM
384	All grocery stores that offer plastic bags to customers should also offer clear locations for recycling those bags.	Mar 12, 2012 2:13 PM
385	streetside pickup with recycle	Mar 12, 2012 2:11 PM
386	dijdogpgeboj;gbo	Mar 12, 2012 2:09 PM
387	Education, Education Education additional venues	Mar 12, 2012 2:06 PM
388	I have been putting them in w/ curbside recycling and thought this was done by Allied.	Mar 12, 2012 1:54 PM
389	Collection sites in large stores, such as with bottles & cans	Mar 12, 2012 1:50 PM
390	It would be great if local garbage and recylcing companies could pick them up with commingle	Mar 12, 2012 1:46 PM
391	Any retailer who uses should also recycle them, just like cans/bottles	Mar 12, 2012 1:31 PM
392	It would be great if Allied could take film plastic curbside. Then again, with the gradual reduction in the use of bags, the recycling iptions are less needed. (Reduce > Reuse > Recycle.)	Mar 12, 2012 1:18 PM
393	offer the recyled bags at stores for customers to reuse	Mar 12, 2012 1:18 PM
394	With trash pickup	Mar 12, 2012 12:42 PM
395	Plastic bags are just one source of plastic bags out there. What about bread bags or produce bags? What if Allied Waste provided a cart collection service for ALL plastic materials that are then recycled into oil in partnership with technology such as that offered by a company like Agilyx.	Mar 12, 2012 12:38 PM
396	The emphasis has been on grocery stores. It should be on every store that bags	Mar 12, 2012 12:33 PM

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	merchandise. More education--big signs, etc.	
397	I didn't know there were recycling options. Any would be good.	Mar 12, 2012 11:51 AM
398	more easy venues	Mar 12, 2012 11:16 AM
399	I shop mainly at Fred Meyer and the Co-op, where they have recycling options for bags. If the other grocery stores do not have this option available, they should.	Mar 12, 2012 11:10 AM
400	more incentive, encouragement and education	Mar 12, 2012 10:57 AM
401	Everywhere retailer where they are used	Mar 12, 2012 10:56 AM
402	I mostly think the places to recycle need to be more visible	Mar 12, 2012 10:52 AM
403	Perhaps with our recycling pick up	Mar 12, 2012 10:51 AM
404	Bin at Allied Recycling Center	Mar 12, 2012 10:26 AM
405	Would be nice if it could be curbside with the rest of our recycling.	Mar 12, 2012 10:06 AM
406	curbside pickup	Mar 12, 2012 10:02 AM
407	Curbside recycling of plastic bags would be helpful.	Mar 12, 2012 10:01 AM
408	Stores that provide plastic bags or film should be required to accept them for recycling.	Mar 12, 2012 9:54 AM
409	located around town, and able to take all plastic film	Mar 12, 2012 9:41 AM
410	The easiest for most people would be for Allied Waste to allow soft plastics in their curbside recycling.	Mar 12, 2012 9:40 AM
411	May be infeasible, but curbside would be best method.	Mar 12, 2012 9:32 AM
412	At the curb with Allied Waste pick-up	Mar 12, 2012 9:28 AM
413	Every place that distributes plastic bags should have a collection area for recycling.	Mar 12, 2012 9:26 AM
414	weekly allied waste curbside pickup	Mar 12, 2012 9:23 AM
415	more number of locations	Mar 12, 2012 9:11 AM
416	only 1% worldwide are recycled.	Mar 12, 2012 8:55 AM
417	Have separate recycle in personal garbage--people would use it.	Mar 12, 2012 8:55 AM
418	separated but with the curbside recycling	Mar 12, 2012 8:42 AM
419	Needs to be added to co-mingling recycling for home.	Mar 12, 2012 8:34 AM
420	Curbside recycling	Mar 12, 2012 8:31 AM

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421	more locations	Mar 12, 2012 8:24 AM
422	house pick up with glass	Mar 12, 2012 8:22 AM
423	Art, craft, clothing????	Mar 12, 2012 8:16 AM
424	every store that uses them	Mar 12, 2012 8:16 AM
425	Not necessarily more locations, but more education about where the existing locations are.	Mar 12, 2012 8:15 AM
426	Curbside comingled recycling.	Mar 12, 2012 8:10 AM
427	Curbside recycling bins	Mar 12, 2012 7:48 AM
428	I didn't even know you could recycle plastic bags!	Mar 12, 2012 7:34 AM
429	More drop-off locations throughout Corvallis	Mar 12, 2012 6:29 AM
430	All retailers that use them should also be required to provide a recycling option.	Mar 12, 2012 6:23 AM
431	All grocery stores and places that offer plastic bags	Mar 12, 2012 5:25 AM
432	more obvious collection points, more assurance that stores actually are recycling them (I once heard they just threw them away)	Mar 12, 2012 12:50 AM
433	curb side	Mar 12, 2012 12:46 AM
434	In general, I would like to see more options for plastic bag recycling all around Corvallis. I've noticed that the recycling option closest to our house (Albertson's) is almost always overflowing with bags, suggesting it is well-used.	Mar 11, 2012 10:55 PM
435	more educations that they are recyclable and where	Mar 11, 2012 10:44 PM
436	recycling without cleaning first would be ideal	Mar 11, 2012 8:20 PM
437	I just learned that Safeway doe sit too, not just Fred Meyer's	Mar 11, 2012 5:01 PM
438	need more info...different types of plastic-- who takes what	Mar 11, 2012 3:28 PM
439	More recycling-only sites, such as First Alt	Mar 11, 2012 3:16 PM
440	People need to be constantly reminded how and where they can recycle certain packaging.	Mar 11, 2012 11:56 AM
441	What do you mean by "more options"? This is biased toward recycling.	Mar 11, 2012 10:17 AM
442	Ban plastic. No fee on paper.	Mar 11, 2012 9:51 AM
443	in the current recycling program via AW	Mar 11, 2012 9:49 AM
444	Commingle?	Mar 11, 2012 9:24 AM
445	A designated spot, near the entrance and/or check-out at stores--similar to the	Mar 11, 2012 8:14 AM

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	bulk container drop-off bins at both co-ops. They're great because you can't miss them, you walk right past every visit.	
446	It would help if Allied Waste would accept these and find a way to recycle them.	Mar 11, 2012 3:08 AM
447	Teach business how to turn plastic bags into usable items	Mar 10, 2012 11:22 PM
448	curb side pick up	Mar 10, 2012 9:22 PM
449	More education as to why they should not be accepted by shoppers	Mar 10, 2012 8:19 PM
450	curbside	Mar 10, 2012 8:13 PM
451	home comingled collection bins	Mar 10, 2012 7:24 PM
452	They should not be an option.	Mar 10, 2012 6:26 PM
453	HOME-based recycling in weekly trash pickup/recycling runs	Mar 10, 2012 4:28 PM
454	Can we find a use for clean single-use bags?	Mar 10, 2012 3:45 PM
455	something at home.	Mar 10, 2012 3:39 PM
456	pick-up	Mar 10, 2012 3:05 PM
457	I would really like to be able to simply add the to my curb side recycling	Mar 10, 2012 2:15 PM
458	Need to be more visible.	Mar 10, 2012 2:05 PM
459	wish I could put them in a bag in the commingled recycling bin	Mar 10, 2012 2:02 PM
460	Curbside pick up or grocery store drop off.	Mar 10, 2012 2:02 PM
461	weekly garbage collection - Allied	Mar 10, 2012 1:28 PM
462	clean vs. contaminated	Mar 10, 2012 1:24 PM
463	Not all of the burden should lie with the Co-op; others should be willing to do their part.	Mar 10, 2012 1:11 PM
464	I didn't even know they could be recycled. Maybe curbside recycling.	Mar 10, 2012 12:43 PM
465	curbside pickup	Mar 10, 2012 12:39 PM
466	include in curb side pickup	Mar 10, 2012 12:18 PM
467	Please read the book, "Garbage Land." Much of recycling is a sham to make people feel they are making a difference. If you want to make a difference, stop breeding.	Mar 10, 2012 11:53 AM
468	curbside	Mar 10, 2012 11:20 AM
469	CO-Mingled recycling	Mar 10, 2012 11:06 AM

Page 2, Q10. Do you think more recycling options are needed for plastic carry-out bags?

470	I'm not sure if you can put in in curbside. If not that should be available.	Mar 10, 2012 11:05 AM
471	In our recycling can	Mar 10, 2012 9:45 AM
472	recycling from home recycling pick-up	Mar 10, 2012 9:39 AM
473	more receptacles in more visible locations	Mar 10, 2012 9:12 AM
474	At home options	Mar 10, 2012 8:52 AM
475	I'd like to hear where they go. What does recycle mean at Fred Meyer?	Mar 10, 2012 8:37 AM
476	more end uses in US are needed	Mar 10, 2012 6:11 AM
477	It would be great if they were picked up by Allied Waste, but if a ban goes into effect, that would not be necessary.	Mar 10, 2012 2:13 AM
478	"Place bags of bags into the mixed recycle bins"	Mar 10, 2012 12:40 AM
479	Manufacturers should take them back and recycle into new bags.	Mar 10, 2012 12:11 AM
480	More locations would be nice	Mar 10, 2012 12:08 AM
481	OSU Recycling Center, Allied Waste pickup	Mar 10, 2012 12:03 AM
482	curbside by allied and more retailers and more education	Mar 9, 2012 11:57 PM
483	In California they have drive up bins in shopping mall parking lots.	Mar 9, 2012 11:08 PM
484	biodegradable in compost	Mar 9, 2012 9:57 PM
485	At all shopping centers and food stores	Mar 9, 2012 8:29 PM
486	More obvious recycle locations at stores with better signage.	Mar 9, 2012 6:32 PM
487	more geographically diverse, but only if we cannot reduce or eliminate	Mar 9, 2012 5:59 PM
488	curbside	Mar 9, 2012 5:26 PM

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1	I use them for my kitchen garbage bags. It saves me from having to purchase bags for this. As long as plastic bags are being sold for this purpose, I'd rather use the ones given to me by stores.	Apr 7, 2012 6:09 PM
2	I recycle them but worry that they just end up in the waste stream anyway.	Apr 6, 2012 3:11 PM
3	TOO MANY END UP ON THE STREET AS TRASH. I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE FEW GOOD RECYCLING OPTIONS FOR PLASTIC BAGS. HARMFUL TO FISH AND FOWL AND OUR OCEANS.	Apr 6, 2012 3:03 PM
4	Doubt that they are actually being recycled into alternative products.	Apr 6, 2012 12:31 PM
5	NONE	Apr 6, 2012 7:12 AM
6	Allied Waste does not want them in the recycle program.	Apr 5, 2012 11:37 PM
7	not convenient	Apr 5, 2012 10:42 PM
8	None	Apr 5, 2012 5:09 PM
9	Dirty, few good post-use uses.	Apr 5, 2012 2:17 PM
10	Too hard to clean effectively. Still need petro-chemicals to make and recycle them. Bad use of finite oil based products. Toxic residues are harmful.	Apr 5, 2012 1:00 PM
11	I reuse my bags until they are no longer fit. I use some for discarding wet waste products. I don't really have a surplus of bags to recycle.	Apr 5, 2012 12:13 PM
12	NONE	Apr 5, 2012 6:28 AM
13	Once they are re-used for garbage or soiled items, there is no way I am going to put them in recycling.	Apr 4, 2012 9:26 PM
14	None	Apr 4, 2012 5:59 PM
15	None	Apr 4, 2012 5:42 PM
16	Storage of bags until I can carry them to recycle center.	Apr 4, 2012 4:57 PM
17	Willingness to put the effort forth	Apr 4, 2012 4:34 PM
18	No barriers to recycling.	Apr 4, 2012 4:16 PM
19	Lazy.	Apr 4, 2012 4:13 PM
20	None. I have a great imagination.	Apr 4, 2012 3:55 PM
21	None	Apr 4, 2012 3:46 PM
22	Not located where I shop	Apr 4, 2012 3:42 PM
23	Not accepted by recycler.	Apr 4, 2012 3:41 PM
24	None.	Apr 4, 2012 3:29 PM

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25	none	Apr 4, 2012 3:27 PM
26	I don't use them except to cover my bicycle seat. I have only used one in the past year.	Apr 4, 2012 3:24 PM
27	none	Apr 4, 2012 2:51 PM
28	I recyle	Apr 4, 2012 1:54 PM
29	none	Apr 4, 2012 10:11 AM
30	Requires collection and extra trip to a place I don't frequent to get rid of them	Apr 4, 2012 10:05 AM
31	None - it's a personal choice (if we have many of those left). Of all the problems this country seems to face, this issue is so far down the list it isn't even funny. It does, however, make the "do-gooders" feel good ! We reuse the bags for a 100 different things before recycling them. And in this climate with the rain and all, they are a blessing.	Apr 4, 2012 10:05 AM
32	None.	Apr 4, 2012 9:50 AM
33	Currently not aware that it is possible to do so where I shop or in my recycle bin.	Apr 4, 2012 9:50 AM
34	None--I recycle. But I hear that there is a glut of them and therefore the recycler disposes of them rather than recycle.	Apr 4, 2012 9:35 AM
35	None	Apr 4, 2012 8:35 AM
36	None	Apr 4, 2012 7:39 AM
37	would like more advertisement of recycle options	Apr 4, 2012 3:26 AM
38	It is inconvenient (but not much) to bag them up and take them to the store.	Apr 3, 2012 10:44 PM
39	People's attitudes and lack of concern.	Apr 3, 2012 9:05 PM
40	Again, I do not see a true recycling option, as there is no market for this stream.	Apr 3, 2012 8:45 PM
41	Plastic bags are leakproof and cloth or paper are not. new bags clean. I use cloth bags and reuse plastic bags when I can. For some applications, a plastic bag is my preference and I would like the option to make that choice.	Apr 3, 2012 7:43 PM
42	No enough options for places to recycle them	Apr 3, 2012 5:23 PM
43	none.	Apr 3, 2012 5:23 PM
44	none	Apr 3, 2012 5:14 PM
45	Needs to be in our home recycling process	Apr 3, 2012 4:11 PM
46	not being able to put them in comingled recycling	Apr 3, 2012 3:58 PM
47	Ease of access	Apr 3, 2012 3:52 PM

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48	None	Apr 3, 2012 3:44 PM
49	I use plastic supermarket bags as trash can liners and for disposal of messy waste / dog poop. They are not appropriate for recycling at that point.	Apr 3, 2012 3:43 PM
50	no barriers, pretty simple to do	Apr 3, 2012 3:41 PM
51	There are no recycling centers outside of Corvallis	Apr 3, 2012 3:32 PM
52	they can't go in commingled recycling curbside	Apr 3, 2012 3:31 PM
53	They don't get picked up with normal recycling	Apr 3, 2012 2:12 PM
54	None.	Apr 3, 2012 12:51 PM
55	Ones that are really unclean, like those that have carried meat juices from grocery items. I feel uncomfortable putting dirty bags in the recycling for someone else to handle. I'm also uncertain what plastic bags can be recycled.	Apr 3, 2012 11:53 AM
56	Laziness	Apr 3, 2012 11:47 AM
57	Taking them to a drop-off location. If they were picked up with the weekly recycling, that would be fantastic!	Apr 3, 2012 11:47 AM
58	None, I have no problem recycling them.	Apr 3, 2012 11:21 AM
59	I didn't know where to do it.	Apr 3, 2012 11:20 AM
60	they tend to get used for icky stuff so then don't seem to be in good enough shape to recycle	Apr 3, 2012 11:06 AM
61	I use them in the house to use little bags for garbage and not just toss it loose in my garbage can. If these were not available I would be forced into BUYING little garbage bags.	Apr 3, 2012 7:31 AM
62	Really dirty bags.	Apr 2, 2012 9:08 PM
63	None	Apr 2, 2012 9:05 AM
64	None	Apr 2, 2012 9:00 AM
65	Very few. Like all recycling it's a matter of preference, education, and convenience. If it's convenient to recycle, and people are educated about it, then would stand to reason that it is more likely to occur.	Apr 2, 2012 7:56 AM
66	Remembering to get down to the South Co-op to recycle them.	Apr 1, 2012 9:30 PM
67	None	Apr 1, 2012 9:06 AM
68	None	Mar 31, 2012 11:52 PM
69	Sometimes it's difficult to find recycle bins, as grocery stores may move them. But if I ask, then I can find them at that store. I don't see these bins well advertised where they are, so others may find it difficult to find a recycle bin.	Mar 31, 2012 5:57 PM

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70	it's just so much better not to use them in the first place	Mar 31, 2012 3:13 PM
71	I reuse the plastic bags for garbage disposal and litter pickup in my neighborhood.	Mar 31, 2012 12:53 PM
72	In todays economy garbage bags are so expensive that it's nice to use the plastic bags from the grocery store.	Mar 31, 2012 11:49 AM
73	None.	Mar 31, 2012 7:58 AM
74	If they are hard to wash out (some meat wrappings) I throw them out.	Mar 31, 2012 7:04 AM
75	None.	Mar 30, 2012 9:06 PM
76	none, others might due to transportation	Mar 30, 2012 7:05 PM
77	We make it a point to recycle all of our plastic bags. We recycle almost everything. I think more families should have the option of once a month trash pick up; if families recycle they can save a tremendous amount of money.	Mar 30, 2012 7:00 PM
78	convenience	Mar 30, 2012 4:32 PM
79	none.	Mar 30, 2012 4:10 PM
80	a forgetful mind, I intend to, but forget to take them with me.	Mar 30, 2012 3:57 PM
81	Remembering to take them to the store.	Mar 30, 2012 3:29 PM
82	None	Mar 30, 2012 3:09 PM
83	many people are not aware of the available options	Mar 30, 2012 3:03 PM
84	Convenience. And as noted above, I reuse the bags for items (dog poop mainly) that would prevent recycling.	Mar 30, 2012 2:53 PM
85	Do not know where to take them or that they were recyclable.	Mar 30, 2012 12:31 PM
86	None - recycling is easy and I like to reuse plastic bags for other things, such as covering my bike seat.	Mar 30, 2012 11:53 AM
87	I use plastic bags as garbage bags.	Mar 30, 2012 10:43 AM
88	If the bags are soiled from using them or reusing them, I don't recycle them. That's the only reason we don't recycle them.	Mar 30, 2012 10:35 AM
89	I was not aware they are recycled efficiently.	Mar 30, 2012 10:06 AM
90	Making special trips to either an allied waste facility or the retailer to recycle the bags is a big burden	Mar 30, 2012 9:24 AM
91	Few places	Mar 30, 2012 9:17 AM
92	It's difficult to know whether recycling plastic is really that much better than it going in the landfill.	Mar 30, 2012 9:00 AM

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93	none	Mar 30, 2012 8:29 AM
94	The bags get lost too easily.	Mar 30, 2012 8:18 AM
95	Finding recycling places	Mar 30, 2012 8:05 AM
96	They tend to blow away in heavy winds	Mar 30, 2012 7:53 AM
97	None	Mar 30, 2012 7:38 AM
98	Sometimes the containers at First Alternative are so full that it is difficult to place my bags.	Mar 29, 2012 4:33 PM
99	none	Mar 29, 2012 10:39 AM
100	I don't know where these can be recycled- to my knowledge they cannot go into the general mix recycling containers.	Mar 29, 2012 10:27 AM
101	None	Mar 28, 2012 3:51 PM
102	None	Mar 27, 2012 5:32 PM
103	availability and convenience of options	Mar 27, 2012 9:31 AM
104	Remembering to use them	Mar 26, 2012 8:52 PM
105	Too many around, and easy to throw away when not paying attention.	Mar 26, 2012 7:10 PM
106	none	Mar 26, 2012 6:20 PM
107	I often reuse the bags as trash can liners	Mar 26, 2012 5:53 PM
108	none	Mar 26, 2012 10:08 AM
109	None. Some use for dog cleanup, but since plastic bags are biodegradable these days, that's not a problem if they don't recycle.	Mar 25, 2012 5:41 PM
110	none	Mar 25, 2012 1:04 PM
111	None.	Mar 25, 2012 8:51 AM
112	We reuse them	Mar 25, 2012 7:28 AM
113	I use them for garbage.	Mar 24, 2012 4:27 PM
114	I reuse them and use them to throw away gross things that are not recyclable.	Mar 24, 2012 1:47 PM
115	None	Mar 24, 2012 11:00 AM
116	I use them at home	Mar 24, 2012 9:21 AM
117	Forgetting them at home when I go to the grocery store	Mar 23, 2012 10:51 AM
118	None, as I used them for other purposes such as garbage sacks or tote bags.	Mar 23, 2012 10:44 AM

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119	Inconvenient containers . No place to place them	Mar 22, 2012 2:32 PM
120	would be nice if part of curbside recycling	Mar 22, 2012 2:28 PM
121	None	Mar 22, 2012 9:31 AM
122	No barriers, I just want to be sure that the stores are truly recycling the plastic bags that are left with them--I have heard that some don't take it seriously, that is why I take mine to AW.	Mar 21, 2012 8:21 PM
123	Just one trip in a car to recycle (per se) plastic bags would waste more time and resources than the effort is worth.	Mar 21, 2012 8:04 PM
124	Forget them, much easier to throw away	Mar 21, 2012 4:28 PM
125	None	Mar 21, 2012 11:53 AM
126	None.	Mar 21, 2012 10:10 AM
127	I rarely use them, don't really like them. I prefer paper bags. I can reuse paper bags.	Mar 21, 2012 7:25 AM
128	Use to dispose of pet waste.	Mar 21, 2012 3:44 AM
129	never need to recycle. only receive a few, and use them to line garbage bags and empty cat litter boxes	Mar 20, 2012 10:41 PM
130	Have to take them some where, can't just recycle them at the curb.	Mar 20, 2012 9:52 PM
131	I use them for dirty cat litter, so they are very helpful.	Mar 20, 2012 9:45 PM
132	I don't think I can recycle plastic bags that are dirty or food-contaminated, for instance if a chicken has leaked grease into one.	Mar 20, 2012 8:21 PM
133	I almost always do. Maybe people are too lazy to collect them, remember them and deposit appropriately.	Mar 20, 2012 7:12 PM
134	Ease	Mar 20, 2012 7:03 PM
135	No benefits	Mar 20, 2012 6:44 PM
136	None	Mar 20, 2012 6:36 PM
137	I normally use them for cat litter.	Mar 20, 2012 5:44 PM
138	Laziness.	Mar 20, 2012 5:02 PM
139	none	Mar 20, 2012 4:20 PM
140	none	Mar 20, 2012 4:07 PM
141	I use plastic carry-out bags as trashcan liners	Mar 20, 2012 3:54 PM
142	none	Mar 20, 2012 3:25 PM

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143	It rains a lot in Oregon. Can't carry grocery paper bags in groups or else they rip off. It doesn't protect it either from the rain. I also use it when I buy meat/poultry products to protect from leaking blood from the meat, poultry, or seafood.	Mar 20, 2012 2:54 PM
144	Asked and answered.	Mar 20, 2012 2:35 PM
145	Forget	Mar 20, 2012 2:25 PM
146	not always sure if they can be recycled in the allied waste bin?	Mar 20, 2012 2:17 PM
147	Lack of education. Need to change patterns (think about whether they need a bag or not). People being lazy or stubborn.	Mar 20, 2012 1:52 PM
148	i use them for garbage can liners instead of spending i don't have on big thick plastic garbage bags. I hate that they are trying to force this issue instead of offering incentives to get people to switch.	Mar 20, 2012 1:08 PM
149	remembering to take them to the store	Mar 20, 2012 1:02 PM
150	none	Mar 20, 2012 12:57 PM
151	None	Mar 20, 2012 12:47 PM
152	none	Mar 20, 2012 11:46 AM
153	none	Mar 20, 2012 11:18 AM
154	Knowledge/ Misinformation: I thought you couldn't recycle them because they would get caught in the machinery.	Mar 20, 2012 11:02 AM
155	It's a nuisance to try to find a place to bring them. I would rather just not have plastic bags as they harm our animals and environment.	Mar 20, 2012 9:46 AM
156	none	Mar 20, 2012 9:31 AM
157	If they are messy I throw them away. Other than that, I do recycle them.	Mar 20, 2012 8:58 AM
158	None.	Mar 20, 2012 8:18 AM
159	Very stupid and a waste of time and money on this issue, some people need to quit forcing their way's on all others!!!!!!	Mar 20, 2012 8:01 AM
160	None	Mar 20, 2012 7:39 AM
161	It's inconvenient to have to take them to the store.	Mar 20, 2012 12:46 AM
162	Not enough locations to recycle bags	Mar 19, 2012 6:18 PM
163	none	Mar 19, 2012 5:24 PM
164	I am sick of elitist earth worshippers telling us what to do, we have brains.	Mar 19, 2012 4:47 PM
165	I take to grocery store when I shop but I generally reuse my plastic bags frequently.	Mar 19, 2012 4:44 PM

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166	not applicable	Mar 19, 2012 4:07 PM
167	Drop sites are inconvenient, or bags are reused and then too messy to recycle.	Mar 19, 2012 3:49 PM
168	not too convenient	Mar 19, 2012 3:09 PM
169	none	Mar 19, 2012 2:44 PM
170	Bins overflowing; bags blowing away; the knowledge that recycling bags also uses energy (non-renewable) and thus recycling bags is not efficient (Especially since there are good alternatives that work).	Mar 19, 2012 2:37 PM
171	none	Mar 19, 2012 2:08 PM
172	food residues	Mar 19, 2012 2:01 PM
173	None.	Mar 19, 2012 1:23 PM
174	If we're going to keep them, and I don't think we should, we should be able to curbside recycle them. My understanding is that they can't be mixed with other recycling because they will clog up the recycling equipment. I'm not interested in driving somewhere to recycle plastic bags, and mostly don't use them when shopping.	Mar 19, 2012 12:59 PM
175	None	Mar 19, 2012 12:08 PM
176	They are not accepted in the general recycling bin from Allied Waste--people are required to drive to the facility to recycle them, causing additional pollution.	Mar 19, 2012 11:09 AM
177	None, I have been doing it for years.	Mar 19, 2012 10:26 AM
178	None	Mar 19, 2012 10:01 AM
179	none	Mar 19, 2012 9:42 AM
180	Nothing prevents me from recycling plastic bags.	Mar 19, 2012 9:40 AM
181	I know of only Fred Meyer and 1st Alternative as recycling options, and the former only wants to accept it's own bags. The co-op accepts all. We need more recycling depots for plastic bags.	Mar 19, 2012 9:13 AM
182	Cannot add them to curbside recycling bins	Mar 19, 2012 8:24 AM
183	none	Mar 19, 2012 8:22 AM
184	none	Mar 19, 2012 8:10 AM
185	Not enough convenient recycling options	Mar 19, 2012 7:54 AM
186	What to do with them if they are dirty or soiled, my understanding is that they can't be recycled but maybe I need some educational	Mar 19, 2012 7:51 AM
187	We use them as garbage can liners. If plastic bags are banned, then we have to buy commercial plastic bags from store. This will not reduce the overall plastic	Mar 18, 2012 9:12 PM

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	usage.	
188	disposable when they are torn or leak	Mar 18, 2012 8:51 PM
189	It would be easier if it were available with curbside recycling	Mar 18, 2012 8:40 PM
190	None	Mar 18, 2012 8:28 PM
191	Very few actually get recycled. They damage the oceans and wildlife.	Mar 18, 2012 8:12 PM
192	No curbside recycle, costly to have to drive somewhere to recycle plastic bags!	Mar 18, 2012 4:03 PM
193	none	Mar 18, 2012 2:51 PM
194	None	Mar 18, 2012 2:29 PM
195	Inconvenient, but I still begrudgingly do it.	Mar 18, 2012 2:12 PM
196	none, but my reuse includes discarding them--they are not empty.	Mar 18, 2012 2:02 PM
197	None, the government needs to stay out of it!	Mar 18, 2012 1:01 PM
198	Not needed	Mar 18, 2012 12:28 PM
199	I don't because I do recycle them. My problem is those doing this survey keep thinking plastic bags are ALWAYS only used once. I'm sure students and many younger people use them, but I don't. My wife uses cloth reusable bags when she shops (she does most of the shopping). We get paper bags to collect our other recyclable materials.	Mar 18, 2012 11:56 AM
200	The need to carry multiple grocery items from the grocery store to my car and transport them home.	Mar 18, 2012 11:52 AM
201	That it cannot be done at the curbside recycle bin.	Mar 18, 2012 11:14 AM
202	I put them in the correct bin.	Mar 18, 2012 10:52 AM
203	none	Mar 18, 2012 5:54 AM
204	I use them for a myriad of MY uses. I can think of them myself. I don't need government to tell me.	Mar 17, 2012 10:04 PM
205	Stay out of this	Mar 17, 2012 8:40 PM
206	I believe it is personal choice - NOT to be dictated by those who think they know better.	Mar 17, 2012 6:30 PM
207	Plastic bags are the only option while walking back from grocery in the rain!!	Mar 17, 2012 6:15 PM
208	None	Mar 17, 2012 5:30 PM
209	Why? Plastic bags provide a more consistent and resilient method for transporting goods.	Mar 17, 2012 4:30 PM

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210	Education of the consumer	Mar 17, 2012 3:38 PM
211	When government tells me i must do something, i usually do the opposite	Mar 17, 2012 2:52 PM
212	They wear out after we reuse them several times. So will paper.	Mar 17, 2012 2:37 PM
213	none	Mar 17, 2012 2:30 PM
214	None	Mar 17, 2012 2:23 PM
215	none	Mar 17, 2012 2:19 PM
216	none	Mar 17, 2012 2:08 PM
217	This is a panic issue by radical do it our way inviros. There is an order to things and political order is not the answer. Truth and common sense.	Mar 17, 2012 1:45 PM
218	they are not recycled!!!! Even when you put them in the recycling bin at a grocery store, they are often not recycled. Why? because there is no market for plastic film material in the U.S. It is not valuable and therefore makes no economic sense to recycle.	Mar 17, 2012 1:24 PM
219	The ones I use for garbage disposal cannot be recycled.	Mar 17, 2012 12:59 PM
220	Driving to Allied Waste-gas for car to do so	Mar 17, 2012 12:51 PM
221	All are used for household wastebasket liners and cat litter disposal and then taken to dump	Mar 17, 2012 11:58 AM
222	I can't do it from home with all my other recycling.	Mar 17, 2012 11:47 AM
223	if they are used in place of trash bags, can they then be recycled?	Mar 17, 2012 11:23 AM
224	Same as above: We re-use almost all of the plastic bags for cat litter. (we have 4 cats). I suppose we could start using paper bags to do the same thing.	Mar 17, 2012 11:08 AM
225	None	Mar 17, 2012 9:57 AM
226	None	Mar 17, 2012 9:44 AM
227	None	Mar 17, 2012 9:39 AM
228	None, I'm a recycling nut and collect all "plastic film" to the Allied Waste recycling center.	Mar 17, 2012 9:32 AM
229	They don't go in the Allied Waste recyclables container. Have to make a special trip to recycling depot.	Mar 17, 2012 8:51 AM
230	None	Mar 17, 2012 1:40 AM
231	I'm not sure if allied waste accepts them in their recycling, but if not that would be a barrier.	Mar 16, 2012 9:00 PM
232	I don't know where or how to recycle bags.	Mar 16, 2012 7:58 PM

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233	Storing them; blowing away; when they are soiled you can't recycle them (like with meat or sticky things); overfull bins at stores.	Mar 16, 2012 7:41 PM
234	none	Mar 16, 2012 7:24 PM
235	none	Mar 16, 2012 6:54 PM
236	I need trash bags and don't wish to buy plastic bags for that use.	Mar 16, 2012 6:08 PM
237	none -	Mar 16, 2012 5:05 PM
238	None	Mar 16, 2012 3:22 PM
239	Storring them up until I get to a recycling location	Mar 16, 2012 2:46 PM
240	None. Our household recycles food waste, yard debris, cans, glass, paper, and plastics weekly. The easiest place to recycle plastic is a grocery store in my opinion because you have to go there to get food anyhow.	Mar 16, 2012 1:26 PM
241	Having to wash dirty ones	Mar 16, 2012 1:19 PM
242	I store them until I remember to take them to the grocery store to be recycled.	Mar 16, 2012 1:08 PM
243	None really. It is fairly straight forward.	Mar 16, 2012 12:46 PM
244	We use them (see above).	Mar 16, 2012 12:43 PM
245	None--I recycle	Mar 16, 2012 12:25 PM
246	Collecting and then forgetting to take them in to drop off.	Mar 16, 2012 11:48 AM
247	I definatly do recycle them...no barriers	Mar 16, 2012 11:38 AM
248	Just forgetting them in my car	Mar 16, 2012 11:31 AM
249	none	Mar 16, 2012 10:01 AM
250	I almost always recycle them.	Mar 16, 2012 9:51 AM
251	absolutely none; it is very,very easy to do!	Mar 16, 2012 9:24 AM
252	No enough places to recycle them	Mar 16, 2012 9:07 AM
253	No barriers	Mar 16, 2012 8:37 AM
254	It is not as easy as it is to recycle paper for example	Mar 16, 2012 6:55 AM
255	we're broke	Mar 16, 2012 4:53 AM
256	Can't put them in my recycle curbside bin	Mar 16, 2012 4:50 AM
257	none	Mar 16, 2012 2:35 AM
258	More recycling options needed.	Mar 16, 2012 1:14 AM

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259	None	Mar 16, 2012 12:36 AM
260	None.	Mar 15, 2012 11:35 PM
261	None.	Mar 15, 2012 11:04 PM
262	Too hard to store for long periods	Mar 15, 2012 9:47 PM
263	No curbside pickup	Mar 15, 2012 9:46 PM
264	None.	Mar 15, 2012 9:36 PM
265	Distance to recycling centers.	Mar 15, 2012 9:22 PM
266	None, but better to eliminate completely.	Mar 15, 2012 9:15 PM
267	None	Mar 15, 2012 9:02 PM
268	None, really. But that is personal. Other people love to easily throw everything in the garbage. Possibly people could be rewarded for having NO garbage.	Mar 15, 2012 8:51 PM
269	None	Mar 15, 2012 8:08 PM
270	Remembering to take the bags to the store with me	Mar 15, 2012 7:57 PM
271	Sometimes it's difficult to remember to bring them in to grocery stores/co-op.	Mar 15, 2012 7:40 PM
272	They aren't picked up curbside--they have to be physically taken to a recycle center.	Mar 15, 2012 7:26 PM
273	I use them as trash bags for all my garbage bins, rather than buying more plastic bags to hold my garbage.	Mar 15, 2012 6:49 PM
274	none	Mar 15, 2012 6:27 PM
275	None. My household routinely used the very convenient Allie Waste Recycling Center. Allied Waste is an unsung hero of recycling in my opinion.	Mar 15, 2012 5:34 PM
276	Too much effort.	Mar 15, 2012 5:16 PM
277	Why waste them???reuse them for household waste and then let Allied Waste deal with them...	Mar 15, 2012 5:11 PM
278	None	Mar 15, 2012 5:09 PM
279	They're not recyclable curbside. I never remember to take them back to the store.	Mar 15, 2012 4:57 PM
280	Inconvenient to take back to the store. Can we just put them into the curbside recycle bin?	Mar 15, 2012 4:41 PM
281	I need to use them for my trash. There are compostable plastic bags but they are small and difficult to handle. We need some new types of bags for trash and then I would be for banning the store plastic bags altogether.	Mar 15, 2012 4:35 PM

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282	None	Mar 15, 2012 4:25 PM
283	They are, in general, not recyclable. They gum up the machinery.	Mar 15, 2012 3:29 PM
284	None	Mar 15, 2012 3:18 PM
285	No barriers - I recycle all plastic bags	Mar 15, 2012 3:11 PM
286	None	Mar 15, 2012 3:01 PM
287	Not using in the first place is better	Mar 15, 2012 2:49 PM
288	none	Mar 15, 2012 2:39 PM
289	No barriers, but recycling is not the answer for our environment	Mar 15, 2012 2:26 PM
290	Convenience, and used for cat box, and used cooking oil	Mar 15, 2012 2:23 PM
291	I reuse them many times	Mar 15, 2012 2:18 PM
292	I don't think they actually get recycled or if they do that it is an efficient process.	Mar 15, 2012 1:44 PM
293	I don't have any barriers to recycling plastic carry-out bags; I don't understand why others do. If they shop where bags are handed out, that's where they can be recycled. I think it's just laziness.	Mar 15, 2012 12:46 PM
294	none	Mar 15, 2012 12:41 PM
295	none	Mar 15, 2012 12:38 PM
296	None	Mar 15, 2012 12:37 PM
297	cleanliness, don't want to carry them around.	Mar 15, 2012 12:35 PM
298	not convenient collection	Mar 15, 2012 12:29 PM
299	not enough recycling locations	Mar 15, 2012 12:26 PM
300	we use them for our household garbage.	Mar 15, 2012 12:15 PM
301	None	Mar 15, 2012 12:07 PM
302	inconvenient to bring to various locations	Mar 15, 2012 12:06 PM
303	No one has a more convenient, compact, or cheaper alternative.	Mar 15, 2012 11:58 AM
304	none	Mar 15, 2012 11:33 AM
305	none	Mar 15, 2012 11:23 AM
306	None	Mar 15, 2012 11:22 AM
307	I know that they are likely not going to be recycled. It's a wasted effort.	Mar 15, 2012 10:52 AM

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308	none	Mar 15, 2012 9:45 AM
309	saving them and then making a trip to the FA recycling center	Mar 15, 2012 9:34 AM
310	None. When my plastic bag recycling bag gets full, I take it to the grocery store. How much easier can it get? It's been a part of my life for longer than I can remember.	Mar 15, 2012 9:27 AM
311	I do not want to handle the industrial trash in the first place.	Mar 15, 2012 9:27 AM
312	I try to avoid them altogether	Mar 15, 2012 9:03 AM
313	There is no option to have them picked up with the recycling? If not, this should be offered.	Mar 15, 2012 7:57 AM
314	Don't get to the recycling center very often, since it's across town	Mar 15, 2012 7:48 AM
315	they get pretty eirty by the time we quit using them	Mar 15, 2012 7:30 AM
316	My stepmother sends them overseas where they are not available. I use them for multiple uses.	Mar 15, 2012 7:29 AM
317	None	Mar 15, 2012 7:28 AM
318	none.	Mar 15, 2012 7:21 AM
319	none	Mar 15, 2012 7:12 AM
320	None.	Mar 15, 2012 6:43 AM
321	I have no barriers.	Mar 15, 2012 6:25 AM
322	None	Mar 15, 2012 6:08 AM
323	places to do it	Mar 15, 2012 6:00 AM
324	The point is to eliminate not accept a pollution source. A little poison in your water will catch up with us all. Think long term not short term profits.	Mar 15, 2012 4:25 AM
325	None apart from remembering to take them when I am recycling stuff.	Mar 15, 2012 4:07 AM
326	none	Mar 15, 2012 3:15 AM
327	Don't know which non-grocery-carry-out (non-HDPE) bags are useful to the recyclers. I only throw away those and carry-out bags which are too dirty.	Mar 15, 2012 2:11 AM
328	Can't do it at home. If I need to recycle my bags I have to go to a certain store...	Mar 15, 2012 1:43 AM
329	Where to do it at, and how easy is it to do?	Mar 15, 2012 12:50 AM
330	None, I just think we should reduce and not have them to recycle	Mar 15, 2012 12:32 AM
331	None - I don't use them	Mar 14, 2012 10:41 PM

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332	Ours get reused to dispose of pet waste	Mar 14, 2012 10:30 PM
333	None	Mar 14, 2012 10:23 PM
334	Forget/confused about where to go and what I can recycle. Do not have proper space or bins at home to organize. Overwhelmed by too many types of recycling and where to put/take it.	Mar 14, 2012 10:20 PM
335	We already have so many different types of things to recycle - it's hard to manage it all on a busy schedule, and I don't like things piling up in the house, waiting to go to the right place. If I could recycle plastic bags with other comingled recycling, that would be better.	Mar 14, 2012 10:18 PM
336	no easy access for recycling plastic bags	Mar 14, 2012 9:59 PM
337	Make sure low income families / prople have access to affordable cloth bags.	Mar 14, 2012 9:49 PM
338	inconvenient	Mar 14, 2012 9:46 PM
339	only when they're skuzzy from reuse	Mar 14, 2012 9:22 PM
340	They are usually greasy or very hard to clean by the time I throw them out.	Mar 14, 2012 9:09 PM
341	Can't recycle them from home	Mar 14, 2012 8:56 PM
342	Where the bins are foe recycling. Need to be by front door of all stores that use plastic bags	Mar 14, 2012 8:54 PM
343	I just forget to take them to the store for recycling and they get used for trash bags in my house	Mar 14, 2012 8:45 PM
344	Have to drive but don't have a car. First alternative is too far away.	Mar 14, 2012 8:45 PM
345	none	Mar 14, 2012 8:41 PM
346	They need to be clean, mine get used for other purposes then can't be recycled.	Mar 14, 2012 8:35 PM
347	It is not possible to recycle them at home. It is not worth me driving a 2T vehicle to a depot to recycle some bags.	Mar 14, 2012 8:31 PM
348	I am uneducated about it	Mar 14, 2012 8:21 PM
349	Remembering to take them back. Cleanliness of the bags; if they're really gross I tend to throw them away.	Mar 14, 2012 8:16 PM
350	I reuse bags in freezer or my own storage	Mar 14, 2012 8:11 PM
351	remembering to take them to the store	Mar 14, 2012 8:09 PM
352	Can't be included in regular curb-side recycling.	Mar 14, 2012 8:06 PM
353	its a pain to have to gather them up and take them back to the store but I do it anyway	Mar 14, 2012 8:04 PM

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354	A lack of a market for recycled plastic bags, international environmental impact issues, increased cost of maintaining public infrastructure, failure of bags deposited for recycling reaching recycling facilities	Mar 14, 2012 7:53 PM
355	None for my family. We reuse and recycle every bag we bring into our house.	Mar 14, 2012 7:36 PM
356	Most of the bags are not actually recycled. We have no infrastructure in Oregon for recycling and little in the US.	Mar 14, 2012 7:26 PM
357	I will use (or not) each plastic bag as I see fit. The authors of this survey may not agree that the way I use the bags are a recognized method of recycling. Too many times recycled materials are collected, then put into the landfill anyway. Other times, the cost of recycling is more than the cost of original materials by the time all the fuel of recovery and natural resources used in the recycling of the materials is considered. You are assuming that recycling is always an efficient method of disposal.	Mar 14, 2012 7:02 PM
358	None	Mar 14, 2012 7:00 PM
359	Convenience; time involved	Mar 14, 2012 7:00 PM
360	n/a	Mar 14, 2012 6:22 PM
361	None	Mar 14, 2012 6:17 PM
362	To avoid a smelly and unhygienic garbage can, I need waterproof and cheap bags to line my kitchen refuse containers. A large plastic garbage can liner is probably more polluting than an unlined garbage can with multiple small bags.	Mar 14, 2012 5:58 PM
363	Cannot go in city garbage recycling tote	Mar 14, 2012 5:48 PM
364	Convenience	Mar 14, 2012 5:33 PM
365	Not being able to put them out somehow with the weekly garbage.	Mar 14, 2012 5:33 PM
366	It is easy to recycle	Mar 14, 2012 5:29 PM
367	None	Mar 14, 2012 5:24 PM
368	I am still looking for an adequate solution for disposing of cat litter. Right now I find that biodegradable bags sweat with the litter. I'll try them again, however and see if I can create a solution for this.	Mar 14, 2012 5:08 PM
369	None. But don't force the issue with a bag fee.	Mar 14, 2012 5:02 PM
370	Sometimes they are too dirty to recycle and it isn't worth it to wash them.	Mar 14, 2012 4:59 PM
371	None! There is absolutely no reason or excuse whatsoever NOT to recycle plastic bags - the option is out there!!!	Mar 14, 2012 4:32 PM
372	None.	Mar 14, 2012 4:31 PM
373	Not convenient at home. Didn't know you could recycle them at your grocery store.	Mar 14, 2012 4:27 PM

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374	none but taking the time to do it	Mar 14, 2012 4:27 PM
375	Don't know where to recycle them.	Mar 14, 2012 4:16 PM
376	None!	Mar 14, 2012 4:11 PM
377	Reuse for garbage	Mar 14, 2012 4:02 PM
378	Laziness.	Mar 14, 2012 4:00 PM
379	none	Mar 14, 2012 4:00 PM
380	None. We always recycle.	Mar 14, 2012 3:53 PM
381	It is not real recycling. Most are just thrown away at the recyclers as there is not a big market for this item. Those that are recycled are not recycled in an environmentally friendly way.	Mar 14, 2012 3:43 PM
382	I wasn't aware they could be recycled.	Mar 14, 2012 3:33 PM
383	None.	Mar 14, 2012 3:25 PM
384	They can't be recycled. If they can, this needs to be made known. Also, if they are torn, dirty, etc,...should I really be wasting drinkable tap water to wash them off...warming our streams does not seem worth it!	Mar 14, 2012 3:16 PM
385	I put dog poop in them. Generally, no one wants them afterward :)	Mar 14, 2012 3:09 PM
386	We use them for trash bags in our kitchen and bathroom trashcans-- but if plastic carry-out bags were banned, we would purchase biodegradable bags for trashcans.	Mar 14, 2012 2:58 PM
387	not sure how clean bags must be in order to put in recycle bin	Mar 14, 2012 2:56 PM
388	Cannot recycle with rest of my recyclables	Mar 14, 2012 2:47 PM
389	none	Mar 14, 2012 2:41 PM
390	No barriers, I never accept plastic carry-out bags. If I forget to bring my own into the store I will use paper or will put items back into the cart and load them into recyclable bags that are always in the car.	Mar 14, 2012 2:41 PM
391	None, if using them as garbage bags constitutes "recycling."	Mar 14, 2012 2:26 PM
392	none	Mar 14, 2012 2:17 PM
393	I don't, just hate what they do to our environment and people are too lazy to recycle	Mar 14, 2012 2:16 PM
394	A convenient place to recycle and reminders to do so.	Mar 14, 2012 2:15 PM
395	None. I'd rather reuse them.	Mar 14, 2012 2:10 PM
396	None	Mar 14, 2012 1:57 PM

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397	none	Mar 14, 2012 1:49 PM
398	I have to save them up until I remember to take them to Fred Meyers.	Mar 14, 2012 1:47 PM
399	none	Mar 14, 2012 1:47 PM
400	NONE	Mar 14, 2012 1:42 PM
401	By the time I'm done reusing them they are dirty or contaminated.	Mar 14, 2012 1:39 PM
402	None	Mar 14, 2012 1:35 PM
403	I use them as trash bags. This saves me money so I don't have to buy as many trash bags.	Mar 14, 2012 1:34 PM
404	Lack of places to drop them off.	Mar 14, 2012 1:33 PM
405	I didn't know you could recycle them. Could I put them out on the curb with my trash and other recycling?	Mar 14, 2012 1:29 PM
406	I didn't know you could.	Mar 14, 2012 1:29 PM
407	accesible and obvious recycling receptacles	Mar 14, 2012 1:11 PM
408	I do reuse them around the house..which at that point it cannot be used for recycling...dog poop pickup, trash bags, diapers, lunch bags	Mar 14, 2012 1:04 PM
409	none	Mar 14, 2012 12:55 PM
410	Remembering to bring them to the store with me.	Mar 14, 2012 12:42 PM
411	Locations of recycle units unkown.	Mar 14, 2012 12:40 PM
412	I forget to take them with me to the places that accept them.	Mar 14, 2012 12:35 PM
413	forget to take them to town to recycling. I reuse 99% of my bags.	Mar 14, 2012 12:32 PM
414	Don't have any. I reuse them as garbage bags sometimes in which case I throw them away with the garbage, but otherwise they are recycled.	Mar 14, 2012 12:27 PM
415	I use them in such a manner (picking up dog waste) that they cannot be recycled.	Mar 14, 2012 12:27 PM
416	none	Mar 14, 2012 12:25 PM
417	Distance from available recycling outlets. Education of where recycling outlets are.	Mar 14, 2012 12:24 PM
418	none	Mar 14, 2012 12:23 PM
419	Current options are less convenient and accessible.	Mar 14, 2012 12:21 PM
420	Like all recycling, it requires a bit of time and organization/	Mar 14, 2012 12:12 PM

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421	If they fall apart and smell with single use, they are garbage as far as i'm concerned.	Mar 14, 2012 12:02 PM
422	I don't remember to bring them back to recycle. I use them as trash bag liners so they are dirty when I am done with them.	Mar 14, 2012 11:59 AM
423	convenience, ease	Mar 14, 2012 11:48 AM
424	None. I go to the Allied recycling center approximately once a month anyway because I do not have recycling pickup at my house.	Mar 14, 2012 11:37 AM
425	Paper bags in Oregon rain...need I say more? Reusable bags not clean! Adults/Good people dispose of trash appropriately.	Mar 14, 2012 11:37 AM
426	really think they should use that.	Mar 14, 2012 11:36 AM
427	Convenience	Mar 14, 2012 11:35 AM
428	None.	Mar 14, 2012 11:28 AM
429	None, I avoid them like the plague.	Mar 14, 2012 11:27 AM
430	lazy	Mar 14, 2012 11:26 AM
431	None -- convenience is key!	Mar 14, 2012 11:25 AM
432	Just remembering to take them with me to recycle. Sadly it is easier to just toss them in the trash	Mar 14, 2012 11:23 AM
433	It is too easy to toss them in the trash	Mar 14, 2012 11:20 AM
434	Not sure where to recycle them	Mar 14, 2012 11:16 AM
435	I don't think they can be included with our regular recycling	Mar 14, 2012 11:14 AM
436	I mostly reuse mine to clean up dog waste and then throw them away. The others I try to recycle, but when I have used donated bags before, they have been really gross (filled with rotten ranch dressing) and other gross things to make me wonder about the efficiency of this recycling.	Mar 14, 2012 11:10 AM
437	I don't remember to bring them.	Mar 14, 2012 11:06 AM
438	You have to have someplace to store them at home as you collect them for recycling and you have to REMEMBER to take them to recycle. And if you didn't have to clean them it would be easier.	Mar 14, 2012 11:05 AM
439	unclear	Mar 14, 2012 10:57 AM
440	I am worried they will get caught in the wind and blow out of the recycling	Mar 14, 2012 10:56 AM
441	none	Mar 14, 2012 10:54 AM
442	None	Mar 14, 2012 10:53 AM

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443	none	Mar 14, 2012 10:49 AM
444	I use them to pick up dog poop, no recycle	Mar 14, 2012 10:41 AM
445	no place at home to collect them for recycling	Mar 14, 2012 10:40 AM
446	none	Mar 14, 2012 10:38 AM
447	Not many options for recycling; labor-intensive to bring them to a drop-off site	Mar 14, 2012 10:35 AM
448	None	Mar 14, 2012 10:34 AM
449	Merely remembering to take them to the store, otherwise none.	Mar 14, 2012 10:32 AM
450	None. Easy to recycle.	Mar 14, 2012 10:30 AM
451	I didn't really think that they could be recycled.	Mar 14, 2012 10:22 AM
452	Remembering to bring them to the first alternative co-op to recycle them	Mar 14, 2012 10:17 AM
453	none	Mar 14, 2012 10:08 AM
454	None.	Mar 14, 2012 10:07 AM
455	none	Mar 14, 2012 10:07 AM
456	I need to bring them to a recycling center, I cannot recycle them in my home recycling bin.	Mar 14, 2012 10:05 AM
457	The reason I don't recycle them is that I use them for my bathroom garbage can liners and also to pick up pet droppings in my yard.	Mar 14, 2012 10:04 AM
458	None	Mar 14, 2012 10:01 AM
459	Too inconvenient.	Mar 14, 2012 9:57 AM
460	Lack of recycling containers for bags. Allied waste disposal needs to recycle bags.	Mar 14, 2012 9:57 AM
461	none	Mar 14, 2012 9:55 AM
462	None	Mar 14, 2012 9:49 AM
463	Can't recycle them in curbside recycle containers	Mar 14, 2012 9:46 AM
464	I usually don't use plastic carry-out bags, I reuse my paper ones instead of getting new ones.	Mar 14, 2012 9:45 AM
465	I have no problem recycling the bags! Why would anyone have such a problem!	Mar 14, 2012 9:45 AM
466	None	Mar 14, 2012 9:44 AM
467	It would be helpful to have the option to recycle in bins like we do with glass.	Mar 14, 2012 9:42 AM

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468	none	Mar 14, 2012 9:42 AM
469	No reason.	Mar 14, 2012 9:42 AM
470	Hassle	Mar 14, 2012 9:41 AM
471	Have to go back to the store to recycle them	Mar 14, 2012 9:41 AM
472	none whatsoever!	Mar 14, 2012 9:40 AM
473	I use them for sanitation, especially pet cleanup. Recycling is not appropriate!	Mar 14, 2012 9:40 AM
474	None.	Mar 14, 2012 9:38 AM
475	storing them at my house and remembering to bring them in to be recycled.	Mar 14, 2012 9:38 AM
476	laziness	Mar 14, 2012 9:37 AM
477	have to remember to bring them	Mar 14, 2012 9:29 AM
478	none	Mar 14, 2012 9:29 AM
479	Convince	Mar 14, 2012 9:25 AM
480	none	Mar 14, 2012 9:25 AM
481	I have to take them to Allied Waste. However, I think it best to not have any plastic carry-out bags so we don't need to worry about the recycling issue.	Mar 14, 2012 9:23 AM
482	None	Mar 14, 2012 9:22 AM
483	N/A	Mar 14, 2012 9:22 AM
484	Forgetting, didn't bring with me.	Mar 14, 2012 9:21 AM
485	None	Mar 14, 2012 9:21 AM
486	storing them to get a big load to take to Allied	Mar 14, 2012 9:19 AM
487	Not sure if the can be put in commingled curbside recycling	Mar 14, 2012 9:19 AM
488	Not sure where they are accepted.	Mar 14, 2012 9:19 AM
489	None	Mar 14, 2012 9:18 AM
490	Remembering to bring them to the store	Mar 14, 2012 9:18 AM
491	Time	Mar 14, 2012 9:17 AM
492	knowing what can go where.	Mar 14, 2012 9:17 AM
493	I was not aware that there were places to recyle them prior to taking his survey but now that i know where to take them i woul have to make a special trip to only a few locations that i ont otherwise go to.	Mar 14, 2012 9:17 AM

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494	None.	Mar 14, 2012 9:16 AM
495	having to take them to Allied Waste	Mar 14, 2012 9:14 AM
496	Forgetting	Mar 14, 2012 9:13 AM
497	Not convenient. If placed in the bulk recycling barrels supplied by Allied Waste, they will clog up their machinery.	Mar 14, 2012 9:12 AM
498	None	Mar 14, 2012 9:09 AM
499	I don't think to save them to take them to the Winco, in McMinnville, which is the only recycling method I knew of, previous to this survey.	Mar 14, 2012 9:04 AM
500	diffusing the idea.	Mar 14, 2012 9:01 AM
501	No barriers... I just find many different ways to reusing them.	Mar 14, 2012 9:00 AM
502	Remembering to collect and recycle them is a hassle	Mar 14, 2012 8:55 AM
503	Finding a store that accepts them	Mar 14, 2012 8:54 AM
504	Sometimes the bags that are reused are too filthy to recycle	Mar 14, 2012 8:51 AM
505	None. I take them to Fred Meyer.	Mar 14, 2012 8:49 AM
506	I guess I've never thought to do it	Mar 14, 2012 8:47 AM
507	I don't know where or how to recycle bags. Can you put them in the recycling bin? Do they need to go somewhere special like an appliance?	Mar 14, 2012 8:44 AM
508	All stores should have recycling kiosks prominently displayed and featured.	Mar 14, 2012 8:43 AM
509	None	Mar 14, 2012 8:35 AM
510	None.	Mar 14, 2012 8:35 AM
511	place to keep them in home and ease of recycling	Mar 14, 2012 8:19 AM
512	None significant. We recycle them.	Mar 14, 2012 8:16 AM
513	none	Mar 14, 2012 8:13 AM
514	NONE	Mar 14, 2012 8:04 AM
515	Just a practice you need to get into, most everyone goes to the store and they can be returned at most stores.	Mar 14, 2012 7:46 AM
516	Don't always have them with me at the store. Allied could separate them out of the recycle containers and do the job we pay them a LOT to do.	Mar 14, 2012 7:24 AM
517	Having to drive them to a recycling center.	Mar 14, 2012 7:15 AM
518	inconvenience	Mar 14, 2012 7:12 AM

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519	It is inconvenient	Mar 14, 2012 7:06 AM
520	There are NO barriers to recycling plastic bags. People need to know where to take them. Many are unaware of drop points, but would use them if they were aware.	Mar 14, 2012 6:35 AM
521	none	Mar 13, 2012 10:32 PM
522	none, really - I use very few if any - but sometimes my family will bring some home and we end up using them as trash bags, instead of purchasing them, so they do not normally get recycled.	Mar 13, 2012 9:55 PM
523	None	Mar 13, 2012 9:18 PM
524	Forgetting to take them to the store	Mar 13, 2012 8:53 PM
525	None	Mar 13, 2012 8:19 PM
526	Mine are filled with animal waste so I don't think the recyclers want them.	Mar 13, 2012 8:18 PM
527	Dirty bag because not supposed to recycle them, right?	Mar 13, 2012 8:07 PM
528	none - just have to remember to bring them in.	Mar 13, 2012 7:26 PM
529	I use the bags to dispose of cat litter.	Mar 13, 2012 7:08 PM
530	unless you can recycle at the curb people won't do it.	Mar 13, 2012 6:53 PM
531	Unplanned shopping	Mar 13, 2012 6:23 PM
532	Not accepted by Allied Waste.	Mar 13, 2012 4:48 PM
533	None	Mar 13, 2012 4:37 PM
534	No convenient location to recycle at.	Mar 13, 2012 4:28 PM
535	Not accepted in weekly collections by Allied Waste.	Mar 13, 2012 4:15 PM
536	None.	Mar 13, 2012 3:59 PM
537	None for me, but for the general public, it would be useful if they could be comingled with other plastic recycling. Alternately, I think the public needs to be made more aware of where they can drop off their bags. ALSO, they need to be made aware that it's not just shopping bags that can be recycled, but other plastic packaging as well.	Mar 13, 2012 3:57 PM
538	none	Mar 13, 2012 2:58 PM
539	No close locations	Mar 13, 2012 2:12 PM
540	Inconvenient	Mar 13, 2012 2:12 PM
541	none	Mar 13, 2012 12:44 PM

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542	I use them for trash bags, so they get thrown out with the trash. I also use them to pick up yucky stuff such as poo left in our yard or other things that make the bag too messy to recycle.	Mar 13, 2012 12:18 PM
543	Only getting them to the grocery store	Mar 13, 2012 11:56 AM
544	None	Mar 13, 2012 11:44 AM
545	none	Mar 13, 2012 11:19 AM
546	It doesn't solve the problem. The shouldn't exist in the first place.	Mar 13, 2012 10:56 AM
547	Same as above- few places I am confident actually recycle them.	Mar 13, 2012 10:55 AM
548	No curbside pickup with other recyclables.	Mar 13, 2012 10:38 AM
549	NONE	Mar 13, 2012 10:12 AM
550	None. People don't do it because they are lazy	Mar 13, 2012 9:45 AM
551	I find enough ways to reuse them at home.	Mar 13, 2012 9:27 AM
552	It can be difficult to know which plastic bags are recyclable in the street cart and which need to go elsewhere.	Mar 13, 2012 9:04 AM
553	That they can't go with other plastic recyclables (which is confusing enough).	Mar 13, 2012 8:43 AM
554	none	Mar 13, 2012 8:31 AM
555	They are a huge waste, flimsy and rip easily which is a barrier to reusing them.	Mar 13, 2012 8:16 AM
556	None	Mar 13, 2012 7:59 AM
557	None.	Mar 13, 2012 7:42 AM
558	I use them as trash bags, specifically to line the waste basket in the bathroom. We get them so rarely that we only have a couple on hand at any time.	Mar 13, 2012 7:26 AM
559	None. If they are not being recycled, it is by sheer laziness on the part of the consumer. This won't change with a ban and a ban only hurts those of us who are doing it right.	Mar 13, 2012 7:09 AM
560	when they are unclean its messy/smelly to store them until the trip to recycle	Mar 13, 2012 6:39 AM
561	It's hard to remember where to take them for recycle	Mar 13, 2012 1:48 AM
562	none	Mar 13, 2012 1:24 AM
563	I don't believe they are recycled in a clean and safe manner. I believe they are shipped to China and incinerated and the Chinese citizens have to live with the pollution.	Mar 12, 2012 11:39 PM
564	Wasn't aware for a long time that there was an easy way to recycle them.	Mar 12, 2012 11:27 PM

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565	Extra effort to return to store	Mar 12, 2012 11:12 PM
566	None personally, I did not think anybody recycled the plastic bags.	Mar 12, 2012 10:50 PM
567	They don't take them at curbside pickup	Mar 12, 2012 10:44 PM
568	I use them for cat litter :(Mar 12, 2012 10:30 PM
569	I understand it takes quite a bit of energy to make the plastic reusable, so I try not to use plastic. I do recycle the plastic bags after I can no longer reuse them.	Mar 12, 2012 10:19 PM
570	needs to be reasonably convenient	Mar 12, 2012 10:13 PM
571	None, other than remembering to do it.	Mar 12, 2012 10:00 PM
572	I am not aware where can I do it	Mar 12, 2012 9:24 PM
573	Remembering to bring them	Mar 12, 2012 8:53 PM
574	Laziness!	Mar 12, 2012 8:52 PM
575	education! these bags are cheap compared to paper and reusable	Mar 12, 2012 8:50 PM
576	I reuse them and they are no longer acceptable for recycling.	Mar 12, 2012 8:35 PM
577	None. It's not hard at all in this town to recycle your plastic bags. The options are plentiful. It takes only minimal effort.	Mar 12, 2012 8:23 PM
578	none	Mar 12, 2012 8:16 PM
579	None. I recycle tons of plastic wrappers and bags. An amazing pile of plastic materializes in my house beyond simple "bags." Most of it is completely useless for anything, so I just cram it all together and recycle it.	Mar 12, 2012 8:10 PM
580	None	Mar 12, 2012 7:49 PM
581	I don't have any.	Mar 12, 2012 7:41 PM
582	I don't know where to recycle plastic carry-out bags. Perhaps greater visibility of recycle sites or education regarding options for recycling the bags.	Mar 12, 2012 7:34 PM
583	none	Mar 12, 2012 7:05 PM
584	Minor - just have to remember to do it	Mar 12, 2012 7:03 PM
585	Lazyness	Mar 12, 2012 6:50 PM
586	Distance or remembering where they are accepted	Mar 12, 2012 6:44 PM
587	None.	Mar 12, 2012 6:33 PM
588	Remembering to grab one before I leave the house.	Mar 12, 2012 6:24 PM
589	None personally. Many people I've talked to didn't know that you could recycle	Mar 12, 2012 5:32 PM

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	them at all.	
590	Not enough retailers and waste companies take them	Mar 12, 2012 5:05 PM
591	none	Mar 12, 2012 4:52 PM
592	Because I am not able to recycle them with my garbage I don't recycle them.	Mar 12, 2012 4:48 PM
593	None. I use them or recycle them.	Mar 12, 2012 4:34 PM
594	None.	Mar 12, 2012 4:33 PM
595	takes some effort b/c no curbside	Mar 12, 2012 4:31 PM
596	none	Mar 12, 2012 4:25 PM
597	If curbside recycling of bags was available (either commingled or in a separate container), I would use it. But since I have already reduced the number of bags I use, it never seems worth a special trip to recycle them.	Mar 12, 2012 4:19 PM
598	none at present	Mar 12, 2012 4:18 PM
599	Not knowing how or where to do it.	Mar 12, 2012 4:16 PM
600	You can reuse but eventually the bag gets too dirty to clean or is difficult to clean also the bag degrades (get holes), then I throw it out, doesn't seem worth the trouble to clean it to recycle it. There is A LOT of labor involved in cleaning plastic bags if they get dirty. Why would I use resources like soap and water to recycle??	Mar 12, 2012 4:14 PM
601	I wash as many as I can. If they are too dirty, particularly with food waste, I throw them away (assuming it's not energy efficient to wash).	Mar 12, 2012 4:10 PM
602	I don't have any barriers	Mar 12, 2012 4:09 PM
603	None, I even reuse the plastic bags I get when I buy vegetables and fruit until they are messy and then recycle them unless they have had rotten food in them or if they are coated on the inside with something like flour or salty oil from salted nuts. It's very simple to use cloth or reusable/recyclable sturdy plastic bags; all it requires is developing a new habit and finding a place to keep them handy in your car all the time. No-brainer for a big benefit.	Mar 12, 2012 4:08 PM
604	Hesitant- I'm not sure they are actually being recycled.	Mar 12, 2012 4:08 PM
605	Once in a great while, one is too soiled to clean. If I could recycle those, I would never throw one out!	Mar 12, 2012 4:06 PM
606	none	Mar 12, 2012 4:05 PM
607	Close location to my house.	Mar 12, 2012 4:02 PM
608	Not many	Mar 12, 2012 4:01 PM
609	Don't get many bags, so not really sure.	Mar 12, 2012 3:57 PM

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610	Don't want to have to drive somewhere to take them	Mar 12, 2012 3:43 PM
611	Not included in curbside Allied Waste pickup recycling	Mar 12, 2012 3:12 PM
612	I use a few to collect trash - they are reused but eventually go to the land fill with the other trash.	Mar 12, 2012 3:00 PM
613	None.	Mar 12, 2012 2:58 PM
614	It would be great if the grocery stores provided plastic bag recycling for those people that do not recycle at home.	Mar 12, 2012 2:48 PM
615	Separate from other recycling	Mar 12, 2012 2:41 PM
616	There really is no excuse not to recycle. It is a matter of deciding to do it and incorporating simple practices.	Mar 12, 2012 2:41 PM
617	not recyclable	Mar 12, 2012 2:36 PM
618	access to recycling places	Mar 12, 2012 2:27 PM
619	None	Mar 12, 2012 2:25 PM
620	I use them for trash liners rather than buying liners.	Mar 12, 2012 2:20 PM
621	none	Mar 12, 2012 2:18 PM
622	None	Mar 12, 2012 2:14 PM
623	Storage space; time to take them to the recycling center	Mar 12, 2012 2:13 PM
624	convenience.	Mar 12, 2012 2:11 PM
625	need to clean some	Mar 12, 2012 2:09 PM
626	None.. It takes effort and some do not put forth the effort or care.	Mar 12, 2012 2:06 PM
627	There are few barriers to recycling. Use of plastic bags should be reduced at least.	Mar 12, 2012 1:54 PM
628	much of the trash on the side of the road is plastic bags	Mar 12, 2012 1:46 PM
629	NONE	Mar 12, 2012 1:46 PM
630	I would like them to be picked up like other recycling, but I understand they cause problems with the machines.	Mar 12, 2012 1:31 PM
631	A small one, but we store them until it makes it worth hauling down to the Co-op, which is infrequent enough (due to reducing and reusing first) that it's not really a problem.	Mar 12, 2012 1:18 PM
632	none	Mar 12, 2012 1:18 PM
633	none	Mar 12, 2012 1:00 PM

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634	none	Mar 12, 2012 12:49 PM
635	Not sure what to do with them or where to send them	Mar 12, 2012 12:42 PM
636	No significant barriers at this time. However, it would be more convenient if Allied Waste collected plastic bags in our recycling carts so that they could be recycled back into oil along with all other plastics in partnership with a technology such as that which Agilyx provides.	Mar 12, 2012 12:38 PM
637	none	Mar 12, 2012 12:33 PM
638	I didn't know you COULD recycle them	Mar 12, 2012 11:51 AM
639	None. I use them again before disposal. If I have extras I take them to the grocery recycle collection.	Mar 12, 2012 11:43 AM
640	it'd be nice to have a big box at entry of stores	Mar 12, 2012 11:16 AM
641	I do not recycle them because I am using them to clean out the cat litter box.	Mar 12, 2012 11:10 AM
642	NONE	Mar 12, 2012 10:57 AM
643	none	Mar 12, 2012 10:57 AM
644	Inconvenient recycling spots	Mar 12, 2012 10:56 AM
645	We reuse them for things that make them dirty (leaky foods, trash bags)	Mar 12, 2012 10:51 AM
646	I use them for other things, like as a trash bag or to put wet clothes in while on the trail. I think people who are sensitive to the plastic bag problem aren't the people who need help--it's those who use a plastic bag for every single purchase...double-bagging, etc., who most likely contribute most to the problem.	Mar 12, 2012 10:29 AM
647	Use most of them for pet waste and then to trash.	Mar 12, 2012 10:26 AM
648	I use the few that I get to collect household trash (not greenwaste, and not recycling- just trash). If I didn't have plastic bags for trash I'd use paper.	Mar 12, 2012 10:21 AM
649	none	Mar 12, 2012 10:07 AM
650	None. But having to take them to the recycling center is not always convenient.	Mar 12, 2012 10:06 AM
651	Remember to take them in. Location of recepticles for recycling. Hard to find.	Mar 12, 2012 10:05 AM
652	None	Mar 12, 2012 10:02 AM
653	Inconvenience mainly.	Mar 12, 2012 9:54 AM
654	none	Mar 12, 2012 9:48 AM
655	there is only one location that takes all plastic film	Mar 12, 2012 9:41 AM
656	none	Mar 12, 2012 9:32 AM

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657	none	Mar 12, 2012 9:23 AM
658	They cannot be put in the regular curb-side recycling.	Mar 12, 2012 9:05 AM
659	Just getting them to the store or recycle center	Mar 12, 2012 9:04 AM
660	finding a place to store them at home before I recycle them.	Mar 12, 2012 9:02 AM
661	none	Mar 12, 2012 9:00 AM
662	They need to be sorted. a clear and easy sorting process would be nice.	Mar 12, 2012 8:55 AM
663	Don't like having to "forced" to do it. There are certain products that are so messy or gross that plastic is indicated, and shouldn't have to pay an additional cost on top of the product.	Mar 12, 2012 8:55 AM
664	that the bags must be clean and dry	Mar 12, 2012 8:42 AM
665	The time it takes to get to a recycle location	Mar 12, 2012 8:34 AM
666	Our weekly garbage service doesn't accept them	Mar 12, 2012 8:31 AM
667	Ignorance! I didn't know that I could.	Mar 12, 2012 8:26 AM
668	locations to recycle	Mar 12, 2012 8:24 AM
669	Store and take to separate location	Mar 12, 2012 8:22 AM
670	Questions: eg, is it okay to recycle dirty plastic carry out bags. Usually they just have food waste in them.	Mar 12, 2012 8:16 AM
671	None.	Mar 12, 2012 8:15 AM
672	forgetfulness	Mar 12, 2012 8:14 AM
673	They get yucky.	Mar 12, 2012 8:10 AM
674	I re-use them for many purposes, of which don't allow me to recycle them afterwards.	Mar 12, 2012 7:58 AM
675	They can't go in co-mingled recycling, and when they are too gross.	Mar 12, 2012 7:48 AM
676	I just didn't know you could recycle them! I'll make sure to do that now!	Mar 12, 2012 7:34 AM
677	none	Mar 12, 2012 6:58 AM
678	None.	Mar 12, 2012 6:29 AM
679	None.	Mar 12, 2012 6:23 AM
680	Some bag are dirty, lazy to clean and dry before recycling	Mar 12, 2012 1:16 AM
681	Have to bring them somewhere, cannot just put in recycling can.	Mar 12, 2012 12:50 AM

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682	need to handle separately from combined recycle	Mar 12, 2012 12:46 AM
683	(see above)... mostly convenience.	Mar 11, 2012 10:55 PM
684	people don't take time to wash dirty bags	Mar 11, 2012 10:44 PM
685	Told not to recycle in bin, always forget to take them to a store for recycling. usually they rip, become unusable.	Mar 11, 2012 9:29 PM
686	Not suitable in commingled recycling.	Mar 11, 2012 9:11 PM
687	cleaning them is time consuming	Mar 11, 2012 8:20 PM
688	none	Mar 11, 2012 5:40 PM
689	none	Mar 11, 2012 2:49 PM
690	none	Mar 11, 2012 2:41 PM
691	None	Mar 11, 2012 1:20 PM
692	reusable bags are not big enough for some purchases	Mar 11, 2012 1:17 PM
693	I occasionally use them to throw away messy, wet, yucky items into the trash.	Mar 11, 2012 11:56 AM
694	There has obviously been a gap in consumer education because I am a good recycler and never knew that I could recycle plastic bags in Corvallis! I reuse them over and over and over again and finally they get thrown away. Now I'll start taking them to First Alternative.	Mar 11, 2012 10:49 AM
695	This question is biased toward favoring recycling. This survey is biased toward recycling. The barrier I have is that leaders, peers, and governments do not set an example of addressing one of the most important issues of our time: using our non-renewable, and precious resources wisely.	Mar 11, 2012 10:17 AM
696	remembering! and needing to make a special trip for them	Mar 11, 2012 9:49 AM
697	It can be a pain to sort the clean, re-usable ones from the dirty or torn ones, and they create clutter in a hurry. Sometimes, it feels simplest to throw away the dirty bags. Some public education on good systems to sort bags would be much appreciated!	Mar 11, 2012 8:14 AM
698	none	Mar 11, 2012 8:06 AM
699	None it becomes a way of life, a responsible habit not a hassle.	Mar 11, 2012 5:54 AM
700	None	Mar 11, 2012 3:08 AM
701	None. It's easy.	Mar 11, 2012 12:36 AM
702	I don't have barriers, but recycling plastic bags is much less convenient than other recycling, because they cannot go into the comingled cart, and the general public will only recycle if it is very convenient.	Mar 10, 2012 11:19 PM

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703	I thought they couldn't be recycled.	Mar 10, 2012 11:10 PM
704	I don't use any	Mar 10, 2012 9:22 PM
705	none, I'll do it now. thanks	Mar 10, 2012 9:00 PM
706	I think everyone should always have clean cloth bags - of their own.	Mar 10, 2012 8:19 PM
707	Too much trouble remembering to take them to a site.	Mar 10, 2012 7:24 PM
708	None.	Mar 10, 2012 6:26 PM
709	Local home-based pickup doesn't include plastic bags	Mar 10, 2012 4:28 PM
710	I haven't been separating clean from dirty/don't have a good receptacle system. Haven't familiarized myself with where I can deposit them at the stores I use.	Mar 10, 2012 3:58 PM
711	Difficulty washing clean and drying bags	Mar 10, 2012 3:45 PM
712	No barriers. We reuse plastic bags until they rip and are unusable. Then we simply take them to the Co-op recycling center. It's all about making it a habit.	Mar 10, 2012 3:42 PM
713	I have to take them somewhere, and I just don't want to store them and then have to remember to take them to a specific location.	Mar 10, 2012 3:39 PM
714	None	Mar 10, 2012 2:39 PM
715	I usually reuse them for trash bags	Mar 10, 2012 2:27 PM
716	A special something has to be done to recycle plastic bags. I would like curb side recycling.	Mar 10, 2012 2:15 PM
717	None	Mar 10, 2012 2:05 PM
718	forget to do so - lack of time	Mar 10, 2012 2:02 PM
719	Have to drive too far to do it. Ability to recycle not widely known.	Mar 10, 2012 2:02 PM
720	some are really to messy or dirty - the ones we reuse for the dog	Mar 10, 2012 1:28 PM
721	Only when they are contaminated do i toss them. Normally I recycle them.	Mar 10, 2012 1:24 PM
722	When they get dirty, washing and drying them to prep them for recycling can be too much, sometimes.	Mar 10, 2012 1:11 PM
723	Forgetting the bags at home.	Mar 10, 2012 12:43 PM
724	Not convenient---hard to remember to take them back to the store.	Mar 10, 2012 12:39 PM
725	can't recycle curbside, requires trip to store	Mar 10, 2012 12:18 PM
726	Low on the list of things to remember. Convenience.	Mar 10, 2012 11:20 AM
727	Not many places for plastic recycling.	Mar 10, 2012 11:06 AM

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728	I always reuse them to contain messes like garbage and dirty diapers so they are then thrown away with the mess.	Mar 10, 2012 11:05 AM
729	The need to pick up after my dogs when walking. Also, I don't often shop at the downtown Co-op, so it's a special trip to a recycling center.	Mar 10, 2012 9:39 AM
730	Forgetting them at home	Mar 10, 2012 9:12 AM
731	They are re-used and filled with garbage. I use these in lieu of kitchen garbage bags.	Mar 10, 2012 9:12 AM
732	No at home recycling	Mar 10, 2012 8:52 AM
733	I have to take them somewhere	Mar 10, 2012 7:51 AM
734	Few places for recycling - sent to China No curbside recycling	Mar 10, 2012 6:11 AM
735	The time to take them to Allied Waste.	Mar 10, 2012 2:13 AM
736	none	Mar 10, 2012 1:40 AM
737	Only a few places take them, and those are not places I often shop... and I'm not trained (yet) to remember to bring them when I do.	Mar 10, 2012 12:40 AM
738	None - it's pretty simple now that grocery stores have bag recycling available. Sometimes I forget them at home and then I need to bring more the next time.	Mar 10, 2012 12:36 AM
739	None, except if they are greasy or dirty they are not good to recycle. Also, I do not pick up and recycle bags left by the side of the road when other people have left them filled with dog poop.(quite often)	Mar 10, 2012 12:11 AM
740	They often get dirty, sticky or something - and you can't recycle dirty bags. If they're not dirty - then I reuse them usually until they are.	Mar 10, 2012 12:08 AM
741	They are not picked up by the city with our weekly waste pickup. If the city were to provide an easier way of recycling bags - such as we have with glass containers - this may make recycling bags easier for those who use them.	Mar 10, 2012 12:03 AM
742	Difficulty of storing and recycling bags Clean them out	Mar 9, 2012 11:57 PM
743	None. It's easy because we take them to the grocery store with us.	Mar 9, 2012 11:08 PM
744	They become weaker and weaker with use and fall apart. Also, they are smothering our planet...why do we want them at all?	Mar 9, 2012 9:50 PM
745	Not picked up w/ recyclables. I need to get them to a recycling depot. I need to create my own storage and delivery system I need to clean them.	Mar 9, 2012 9:29 PM
746	none	Mar 9, 2012 9:18 PM
747	Although I recycle almost all my plastic carry-out bags, I do use them as liners for my household waste baskets. I use 1 per week to gather the trash and garbage from my home trash bins that is not recyclable.	Mar 9, 2012 9:00 PM

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748	none	Mar 9, 2012 8:29 PM
749	None	Mar 9, 2012 6:32 PM
750	I pass the south Co-op on my way nearly anywhere. Hours are a minor barrier, but I don't think it's appropriate to expect First Alt to keep it open after dark.	Mar 9, 2012 5:59 PM

Page 2, Q12. Additional comments you would like to provide.

1	I am expecting my second child and would like her to grow up in a world that has deep seated and well thought out priorities. Personal, throw-away convenience is a luxury she will not be able to afford.	Apr 6, 2012 3:11 PM
2	IT IS TIME TO BAN THE USE OF THESE NOXIOUS PRODUCTS - ONCE AND FOREVER!	Apr 6, 2012 3:03 PM
3	I support a total ban on plastic bags.	Apr 6, 2012 12:31 PM
4	The most important stakeholders are the shoppers who depend on the bags to carry heavy groceries. They are convenient to fill, carry, and unload. These bags are not single-use for most folks. We reuse the bags for school lunches, and for transporting items from here to there, keeping the items dry in a rain storm.	Apr 5, 2012 11:37 PM
5	1) I don't like a proposal that would inconvenience those of us that responsibly dispose of the plastic bags that we use; or limit the amount that we can reuse for other purposes. 2) There was an article in the paper that clearly showed that reusable grocery bags were very likely to have high numbers of bacteria that have the potential for health risks -- why is this not part of the discussion anymore????!!! 3) One of the biggest reasons touted for eliminating these bags is that there are too many of them in the ocean. How will banning their use in Corvallis (this far from the ocean) have a significant effect on this? It would seem that most people would handle these bags in a responsible way. In my opinion, it is only a few that would handle them in an irresponsible way. Why penalize "the many that have good use of these bags" for a possible minor effect.?	Apr 5, 2012 10:42 PM
6	I am a mother of three young children. I do not have the time or money to replace the 7-10 bags I use every shopping trip, once a week. Please do not legislate this part of my life. I feel like this is going way to far. Please stop this!	Apr 5, 2012 5:28 PM
7	This is an issue the city needs to remove itself from. We have much bigger challenges facing us than trying to imitate the nit-wits in the peoples republic of portlandia!	Apr 5, 2012 5:09 PM
8	I support the bag ban and charge for paper sacks 100%	Apr 5, 2012 2:17 PM
9	Reusing bags takes some fore thought, but it is an effort well worth making. Everyone benefits in the long term from banning plastic bags and it is time we all starting taking a longer view towards sustainable outcomes. Plastic bags blow on the wind, litter our streets and forests and choke our waterways. The harm to many aquatic organisms and habitats is well documented. IT IS TIME TO BAN PLASTIC BAGS!	Apr 5, 2012 1:00 PM
10	I often use cloth bags, but I don't always have them available when I am making a purchase. I put plastic bags to other uses - carrying stuff around, etc. In a rainy climate such as ours, they do a better job than cloth or paper bags. Prohibiting them as an option would be a major inconvenience for myself & many others. From what I can tell, there is significant opposition in our community to instituting a ban on plastic bags. I think that it would be wise for Council to leave this alone, at least for now.	Apr 5, 2012 12:13 PM

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11	Ban the monstrosities! People can do without, what a bunch of lazy whining shits have we become that we can't survive a trip to the car without using a bag let alone a bag of our preference! JESUS	Apr 5, 2012 11:04 AM
12	The bags don't litter - it's people that litter! At this rate the next ban will be to shut down all fast food places that uses styrofoam, plastic utensils, cups and everything else people litter with. Or just ban people!	Apr 5, 2012 6:28 AM
13	This would be an adjustment for consumers, but it is easy to deal with. Please implement the ban.	Apr 4, 2012 5:59 PM
14	None	Apr 4, 2012 5:42 PM
15	I love the plastic bags for a lot of reasons (which all involve reuse), but I'd bid farewell to them and figure out some way to adapt without them in order to reduce the more widespread negative effects.	Apr 4, 2012 4:57 PM
16	Thank you for considering this topic seriously. I wasn't able to attend the public meeting but am concerned about a couple of the comments noted in the G-T. I don't believe asking for a 'ban' on plastic shopping bags is an invasion of privacy or an infringement of someone's rights. Doing this is for the common good which needs to be recognized by all. There is a 'Common Good' even if people want to be on sides of it. I mentioned in another question that I pick up plastic bags that have escaped into the environment. I have even seen a bovine by a fence row chewing on one. That is before they get to the ocean. Pick another positive word if 'progressive' doesn't fit for everyone but, in the Long Run, a ban of plastic bags by Corvallis will serve as a companion (riverfront design/cleanup; festivals for all; neighborhood livability, etc.) piece in the forward Legacy of Corvallis. Thanks for asking!	Apr 4, 2012 3:55 PM
17	I have travels to south Africa and Europe , the cultures there do not use store bags or bring their own. A heavy fee for the bag makes you change your habits, and your ok if you forget it at home. Both cultures continue to shop and everything is ok.	Apr 4, 2012 3:42 PM
18	I hope Albany will be close behind!	Apr 4, 2012 3:41 PM
19	Already provided comment in Council email. We DON'T NEED THESE BAGS. We haven't used them that long. They cause a lot of problems and damage. Let's get rid of them.	Apr 4, 2012 3:29 PM
20	Bags can also be given to thrift shops downtown. There are tons of options for reusing plastic bags. I constantly use them at home for all sorts of purposes including storing breakables and as cushioning when mailing items to family.	Apr 4, 2012 3:27 PM
21	Ban the damn things!!!	Apr 4, 2012 3:24 PM
22	Give us a break. We don't need more laws. This was the same issue with paperbags 25 years ago. Enough is enough!	Apr 4, 2012 2:51 PM
23	Please let the community stay as it is--we do not need another fee or rule or someone trying to get people to "educate" us on whatever you want to change. If you don't want to use plastic or paper--don't----but leave the rest of us alone!	Apr 4, 2012 1:54 PM

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24	I don't think it's fair to impose a "bag tax" on people because they can't or don't want to carry re-usable bags. A lot of us work during the day and can't carry around bags. Plus for a family of four or more who may have a large grocery shop, carrying one's own bags or being charged for bag use is a hardship.	Apr 4, 2012 1:53 PM
25	there are far more important things in this city to be solved. Stop caving in to these non-local demands. Just say no and tell them to move on	Apr 4, 2012 10:11 AM
26	Let the professional recyclers do their job. Many laymen don't even know that hundreds of things do not even decompose in landfills and, of course, landfills are lined with plastic. Plastic bags will decompose into microscopic granules, if exposed to air and sunlight.	Apr 4, 2012 10:05 AM
27	The city of Corvallis has many REAL problems that need to be addressed (The pot hole in the street outside my house..which is now the size of a small car, is a good example.) I would beg the city counsel to do the job for which they were elected. Namely, to run the inner workings of the city. Please leave social engineering to the people in higher offices.	Apr 4, 2012 9:50 AM
28	If you're going to ban these plastic bags, what about the bag in which my newspaper is delivered? The plastic bag containing the cereal inside my box of Cheerios? The plastic packaging on cheese, hot dogs, sliced cold cuts, et cetera?	Apr 4, 2012 9:50 AM
29	If I was required to pay, no matter the amount, I would start remembering to bring my own bags.	Apr 4, 2012 9:35 AM
30	I DO NOT dump my plastic bags in the ocean and do not believe that a ban of bags in Corvallis would have any impact on the hazards to marine wildlife.	Apr 4, 2012 8:35 AM
31	I think this is a biased survey to the extent you did not present an option that would ban single use plastic bags but not impose a government madated fee. It appears clear to me that the drafters of the survey are trying to create their own result.	Apr 4, 2012 7:39 AM
32	long overdue	Apr 4, 2012 7:26 AM
33	I think that banning the plastic bags in a small community like Corvallis have little meaningful benefit to the grand vision of environmental conservation, while it causes significant sacrafice by residents and businesses of Corvallis, a scrafice for nothing. I think any plastic bag ban should be implemented at the state level, or at least at a big city such as Portland, to have any positive impact to environment. I further think the time and energy of our city council could be better spent on spurring local economy and providing better local service to make Corvallis a more livale place. Thank you for considering my opinion.	Apr 4, 2012 3:26 AM
34	I suggest a different option. Levy a substantial (1 or 2 cents) per bag fee (tax) on any retailer (no exceptions) who dispenses single use carry-out bags. Let the retailer decide whether to dispense bags and pay the fee or let customers bring their own bags. It's not that hard to bring a bag. People all over Europe do it all the time - even the poor people.	Apr 3, 2012 10:44 PM
35	There were an awful lot of questions about recycling for a survey about how to	Apr 3, 2012 8:45 PM

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	reduce the use of plastic bags. Pretty curious choice of survey questions.	
36	Unfortunately we can not legislate environmental responsibility. I'm please that there are currently multiple options in Corvallis for recycling plastic bags and ask that the council table this proposal.	Apr 3, 2012 7:43 PM
37	In order to help save the environment by burning less gas, we try to do more bulk shopping trips and buy enough for weeks at a time. We may use 10 reusable bags, but we still end up needing the plastic bags. It is not fair to anyone to outright ban them from being used. With education you can encourage public use of alternatives, but this is the Pacific Northwest and paper bags don't hold up well. It's been stormy and wet for the last 6 months. I would probably go out and buy plastic bags and use those if the city council banned them from being provided by the store. At least give the public of Benton County or the City of Corvallis the chance to vote on it by public ballot rather than a few people deciding on an ordinance. Thanks for your consideration.	Apr 3, 2012 5:23 PM
38	this is not a city issue	Apr 3, 2012 5:14 PM
39	I think there are FAR more important things that our city councilors should be focused on right now considering our lack of affordable housing, stagnant job growth, declining families and children and a City budget that needs massive restructuring and righ sizing to align with the new realities of Corvallis. This topic is a waste of our elected officials time. Please refocus on the work and priorities that most affect our community and our City.	Apr 3, 2012 4:11 PM
40	People use plastic bags, and they are often more effective than paper. I am not convinced that the energy consumption expended in producing and transporting paper bags is much better than plastic (in fact, I think it's worse).	Apr 3, 2012 3:58 PM
41	This is not necessary, and will only hurt local business and add costs for everyone, especially the poor and elderly. It punishes them.	Apr 3, 2012 3:44 PM
42	Please do not take away our freedom of choice.	Apr 3, 2012 3:41 PM
43	This is a typical Corvallis feel-good exercise. Spend time figuring out how to get people working and growing our community. Not additional ways to raise revenue (taxes) on everyday working people.	Apr 3, 2012 3:32 PM
44	I do not understand why paper bags are being lumped in with plastic. Paper bags are compostable, and easily recyclable. But plastic bags really need to be banned altogether	Apr 3, 2012 3:31 PM
45	None.	Apr 3, 2012 12:51 PM
46	Fees for bags is ridiculous, punishing people for forgetting reusable bags brings only negative attitudes towards recycling. If people only have the option of paper bags without their reusable ones, then that's what should happen. All grocery stores in this town already carry FREE paper bags. Why start charging now? Ban the plastic, encourage reusable, but allow paper. Best compromise.	Apr 3, 2012 11:53 AM
47	I think that paper bags should be just as hard to obtain in grocery stores as plastic bags - I read once that producing paper bags is actually more energy-	Apr 3, 2012 11:21 AM

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	intensive than producing plastic bags. So, even though paper bags are easier to recycle (curbside pick-up) and less harmful on the environment if thrown away, they still require a lot of resources to produce in the first place and should also require a fee at checkout. With that said, I am in full favor of placing a fee on bags in general, but banning plastic bags at this point is too drastic and should be saved for the next phase.	
48	I am a senior. The handles help me to carry groceries into the house. If I have to drive 20 mi or so and just shop once a week to allow me to continue to use this, I will. If these go then ALL plastic bags should go... including meat, fruits & veg, glad bags, why pick on the one bag that is free and useful. We are going back to the 1800's.	Apr 3, 2012 7:31 AM
49	I would love to ban single use plastic bags in Corvallis and in Oregon as a whole.	Apr 2, 2012 9:08 PM
50	This and other similar alleged environmental problems should be addressed at the state level, NOT in individual communities	Apr 2, 2012 9:05 AM
51	Plastic bags were introduced as an 'earth friendly' recycling method....They are more costly than paper and certainly dangerous to aquatic animals, do not biodegrade, and can be seen from nearly any street/highway/or park near you...Paper bags should never have been removed from use. This is a wast of tax payers money once again....Leave this decision up to retailers!	Apr 2, 2012 9:00 AM
52	I again would like to iterate that a ban on plastic bags is a terrible idea. Many business rely on the use of plastic bags, as well as the citizens of the city. I believe in choice and freedom. I believe that the city should not hamper or limit options for its citizenry, but rather educate its citizens on the use of reusable bags and then have them make the environmentally friendly choice, if they so choose. I strongly feel it is not the responsibility of the City to babysit and parent its citizens, but rather to protect its citizens from dangers (i.e. fire, and crime), and provide services (i.e. utilities, streets, parks, library, and planning).	Apr 2, 2012 7:56 AM
53	Thanks for taking action on this issue. The cost of plastic bags to the environment is not worth the convenience.	Apr 1, 2012 9:30 PM
54	This is an important issue and an easy one to approve. It's critical to do it now.	Apr 1, 2012 7:36 PM
55	Keep government out of our choices!	Apr 1, 2012 9:06 AM
56	I do not believe plastic grocery bags should be banned, as I find them very useful and I do not see them as litter anywhere. Most people I know that use them, recycle them, and definitely would not dispose of them improperly. This is needless regulation that is not required; we are adults!	Mar 31, 2012 5:57 PM
57	please vote to ban single use plastic bags!!!	Mar 31, 2012 3:13 PM
58	Leave the plastic bags available to all who want to use them. Already people have the choice between bringing their own, using paper, or using plastic. Let it be.	Mar 31, 2012 1:46 PM
59	I come from a fairly large family and when this issue comes up what I am hearing is that if Corvallis Bans Plastic bags they will probably take their businesses to	Mar 31, 2012 11:49 AM

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	Albany. I'm all about promoting businesses in Corvallis and would hate to see this happen.	
60	We know that this whole campaign was started by State Senator Haas (D), who actually works for a PR firm that does work for the timber industry and a Republican House Member who has support from the timber industry. This is really all the Mayor, City Council, and our City Manager can find to do? (Oh yea, wasting a bunch of money re-doing Arts Center Park that didn't need re-doing.)	Mar 31, 2012 7:58 AM
61	I like the bags, but I prefer bags that are strong and can be used to carry a lot of items. I like to keep the number of bags down. They are great for carrying many things and I like all the other uses I have for them. Don't give up on them. Retailers will just pass any fee on the customer.	Mar 30, 2012 9:06 PM
62	Need Paper bags for shredded paper so can recycle it (can't put loose shredded paper in recycle bin). If a fee is charged for paper bags it will reduce the amount of paper being recycled.	Mar 30, 2012 7:05 PM
63	We would hate not have plastic bags. If this passes, I guess we'll just shop in Albany.	Mar 30, 2012 7:00 PM
64	they make great dog poop bags.	Mar 30, 2012 4:32 PM
65	This is a waste of taxpayers \$. The proponents should be ashamed of the amount of staff resources they have wasted. What city service would they like reduced or deleted to pay for the time they have wasted?	Mar 30, 2012 4:10 PM
66	It's not hard to recycle, or reuse, you need to comit to reusing, and recycling.	Mar 30, 2012 3:57 PM
67	While I agree with the concept, there are reasons to use plastic bags. A full out ban should be a last resort.	Mar 30, 2012 3:29 PM
68	I am strongly opposed to any forced change in the cost or availability of paper or plastic bags at retail stores. I will be following this closely. Plastic grocery bags are great to re-use for a multitude of purposes. The bags I use get used many times before they are recycled. Banning these bags would require many people to purchase other bags many of which are worse for the environment. Please research the consequences of bag bans.	Mar 30, 2012 3:03 PM
69	I can understand and agree with the need to reduce plastic waste. But why penalize the use of paper bags? Paper bags are biodegradable, and are the perfect container for collecting items to be placed in either my recycle bin or food waste bin.	Mar 30, 2012 2:53 PM
70	Plastic bags are much easier for older people, parents with young children, and people with disabilities to use. They also are frequently re-used, despite claims to the contrary. In our household, we reuse almost all of the plastic bags that we get from stores.	Mar 30, 2012 10:35 AM
71	I would be happy to have a fee for bags. I guaruntee I would start remembering to bring a bag. Byob.	Mar 30, 2012 10:06 AM
72	n/a	Mar 30, 2012 8:29 AM

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73	Employees at stores need to be trained on using less plastic bags in general.	Mar 30, 2012 8:05 AM
74	Namaste!	Mar 30, 2012 7:57 AM
75	Thanks for letting us siera Club followers vote more than once!	Mar 30, 2012 7:53 AM
76	Plastic shopping bags are useful for me. A ban on them would be totally unreasonable in my opinion. All the grocery stores in town already encourage reuseable bag use, and have them available at low cost. I don't believe a shopping bag fee would accomplish anything but making people angry.	Mar 30, 2012 7:38 AM
77	Thank you for addressing this! It is such an important issue, and I know I would remember my reusable bags from home even more often if I knew I would be charged for a bag.	Mar 28, 2012 11:41 PM
78	Don't spend too much time on this issue; not much impact to the environment other than good feelings.	Mar 28, 2012 3:51 PM
79	Plastic bags are terrible from creation to attempt-to-recycle. We need to ban them. A small fee on paper bags would honestly remind me to bring my reusable bags.	Mar 28, 2012 1:07 PM
80	Everyone should see the movie "Bag It." Humorous, very informative, and well done.	Mar 27, 2012 5:32 PM
81	An outright ban is too heavy handed, and if a ban is enacted it should apply to ALL businesses, not simply large ones. To do that is discrimanatory and small-minded.	Mar 27, 2012 9:31 AM
82	I use the plastic bags as trash bags. It works well and puts them to a second use.	Mar 27, 2012 4:11 AM
83	We have too many government officials that want to impose their thoughts right or wrong on the public. Recycling solves all the problems.	Mar 26, 2012 6:20 PM
84	These nannystate programs are out of hand. Many people choose to use reusable bags, and more power to them. We do, too, but plastic bags are recycleable, biodegradeable, serve mulit uses, are better for meat purchase, water proof in our rainy cilmate, provide tens of thousands of well-paying American jobs, are convenient. Proponents of the plastic bags should mind their own business. They don't seem willing to give up driving, electricity, clothing and other modern conveniences. Instead they try to assuage their own guilt with feel-good nonsense like plastic bag bans.	Mar 25, 2012 5:41 PM
85	We used to get along without plastic bags and we can do it again. To save the enviroment.	Mar 25, 2012 1:04 PM
86	I will not shop in Corvallis if there is a fee for plastic or paper bags.	Mar 25, 2012 8:51 AM
87	Again, reduce the number of city employees. Reduce managers	Mar 25, 2012 7:28 AM
88	We use all plastic bags from the grocery store for garbage. None get thrown out without getting used. If plastic bags are banned, folks who want to continue to use plastic bags will have to buy them. Get out of the recycle business and let	Mar 24, 2012 4:27 PM

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	the free market prevail.	
89	Corvallis has only Democrat City Council people. Benton County has only Democrat Commissioners. The school board is exclusively Democrats. Well, you may have the majority, but the minority of Republicans and Libertarians do not like to be constantly told what to do. Give a break to freedom loving people and leave our bags up to the stores and the consumers.	Mar 24, 2012 1:47 PM
90	What people use to put their groceries in is not what the city should be wasting time on. Work on bringing more stores to corvallis. I for one will be shopping in elsewhere if bags are banned.	Mar 24, 2012 11:00 AM
91	I don't think it is necessary to charge for them, I am totally in favor of doing nothing. There are bigger problems to spend time and energy on.	Mar 24, 2012 9:21 AM
92	No need for a fee on paper bags.Just the plastic bags.	Mar 23, 2012 10:51 AM
93	Please don't forbid the use of sacks at grocery stores. What about for our out of town guests for various campus and community events being charged. It's just better to educate and encourage reusable bags than to forbid them altogether!!!	Mar 23, 2012 10:44 AM
94	We did bottles well and we can do away with plastic bags	Mar 22, 2012 2:32 PM
95	I would like to know how many bags per week some of the non-recyclers are taking home & tossing each week? I have watched shoppers and can't believe the # of single use bags they have for so few items! Single use bags were originally made to hold 75# of weight and we all know those of today do not. A paper bag can hold 3-4X as much as a single use bag and is more ergonomic for carrying (i.e> easier on the back).	Mar 21, 2012 8:21 PM
96	Your efforts to push this particular agenda is just another example of conceit and general narcissic tendencies found in most individuals who want to improve what you consider the benighted masses.	Mar 21, 2012 8:04 PM
97	The answers you get to this survey are next to useless, and certainly not actionable as an expression of the public's will. This method of surveying is flawed, and statistically invalid.	Mar 21, 2012 3:44 AM
98	I don't like the idea of a ban. I think it will have unintended consequences, and much prefer a fee. Paper bags are not such a great alternative.	Mar 20, 2012 10:41 PM
99	What about an attractive "sharps container" like option? Stuff the bags into it until full and trade it in at the grocery store? Have a contest for the container design. Make it out of recycled bags. The stores could brand them to encourage repeat business. Or Corvallis could brand them, civic pride. Plastic bags go into the Corvallis Container! :-). Cheers.	Mar 20, 2012 8:21 PM
100	I like to reuse them to clean the cat box.	Mar 20, 2012 7:42 PM
101	I need them for dog poop. I will never pick it up if I have to pay to use them	Mar 20, 2012 7:03 PM
102	Promote the use of paper before reusable bags, the timber industry will thank you.	Mar 20, 2012 6:44 PM

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103	I don't see anything wrong with plastic bags as long as we recycle them.	Mar 20, 2012 6:36 PM
104	Fees on bags impact lower income people who also may have more impediments to carrying around cloth bags.	Mar 20, 2012 5:02 PM
105	give the greenies this rock and let them destroy same. These freaks of nature are the same morons who claimed that logging old growth timber was killing the spotted owl, now it's the barred owl and this administration now whats to kill the barred owl.	Mar 20, 2012 4:20 PM
106	Stop trying to legislate behavior! If you want to use a certain type of bag, USE IT, but don't tell me what I can and can't do. That we're even discussing this is absurd.	Mar 20, 2012 4:13 PM
107	Not in favor of the initiative.	Mar 20, 2012 4:07 PM
108	The only way I know of to increase my recycling would be to have all rental and residential areas required to provide convenient comprehensive recycling drop-offs.	Mar 20, 2012 3:54 PM
109	I think there are responsible citizens who doesn't waste plastic bags and just use it once. It has so many uses. Reusable bags can accumulate or harbor bacteria which doesn't make it sanitary. What do you do with recyclable bags, throw it away in the garbage?	Mar 20, 2012 2:54 PM
110	Quit forcing the issue and educate people on why they should switch then offer incentives and most people would switch on their own.	Mar 20, 2012 1:08 PM
111	Use paper bags, open up some more jobs and is a biodegradable product.	Mar 20, 2012 12:57 PM
112	I believe it is another unnecessary law. Let us choose which we prefer to use. I try to use the other but sometimes I need to use the plastic. If I were made to use them not only would I be mad and I would quit using my own and use plastic only just because I believe we should not be mandated and fined for their use.	Mar 20, 2012 12:47 PM
113	I would like to see Corvallis as a leader in this initiative, as in so many others. Living in a city full of people who care about sustainability is part of what drew me to Corvallis in the first place.	Mar 20, 2012 12:31 PM
114	I remember that the plastic bags were brought in because people protested all the trees that were being cut down to make paper bags...even though trees are a recyclable source. If you plan to ban plastic bags, at least keep the paper bags at no extra cost. Consumers already pay for these bags through the prices the retailers charge.	Mar 20, 2012 12:20 PM
115	I have been trying for years to recyle all that can be. I donot appreciate being forced to do what somebody says is their agenda, 1,000 signatures out of a town of 50,000+ should not force the rest of the town to follow like a bunch of sheep. I do not want to be punished for trying to do the best I can . Please do not dictate, educate and most people will see the way to follow. what ayoung student to do when he/she has not the 5 cents for a bag, carry it home in the coat pocket? I truly don't want the ban to go in effect PLEASE!!!	Mar 20, 2012 11:46 AM

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116	Hope this does not pass.	Mar 20, 2012 11:18 AM
117	I DO NOT LIKE TO USE SO MANY PLASTIC BAGS. I SUPPORT ELIMINATING PLASTIC BAGS FROM STORES IN CORVALLIS	Mar 20, 2012 9:46 AM
118	This is a question of basic freedom. If a store wants to provide something for free for the convenience of their customers, they should be able to. If this ban happens, what is next?	Mar 20, 2012 9:31 AM
119	This plastic issue is not serious enough to warrant government to require anything. There are more serious issues that government needs to focus on.	Mar 20, 2012 8:58 AM
120	1. Support total ban on plastic bags at all retail sales locations. 2. Support mandate that retailers carry re-usable bags for sale to consumers. 3. Support consumer trade-in program for re-usable bags.	Mar 20, 2012 7:39 AM
121	Plastic carry out bags are the cause of many environmental hazzards. It's time to stop using them.	Mar 19, 2012 6:18 PM
122	I dont see any problem with plastic bags. Let the public alone.	Mar 19, 2012 5:24 PM
123	STAY OUT OF OUR BUSINESS! AND OUR FREEDOMS!	Mar 19, 2012 4:47 PM
124	I don't like the idea of government sticking their nose into my personal business of how or if I should use plastic bags. The bags are easy to use, are CLEAN, and can be reused for so many different things around the house. I am also very concerned with how clean those reusable bags are once they go to peoples houses, cars, trailers, trunks of cars, back seat where pets and children set or place feet on. Those bags are then placed on the checkout stand without any cleaning!	Mar 19, 2012 4:44 PM
125	Recycling is not the answer - we should be using reusable products instead. Ban plastic bags!	Mar 19, 2012 4:39 PM
126	Please have the courage and do outlaw plastic bags!	Mar 19, 2012 4:07 PM
127	We don't need plastic bags	Mar 19, 2012 3:09 PM
128	there are many situations where plastic bags are most suitable such as rainy weather, carrying merchandise while bicycling or walking. I believe a far more significant problem stems from fast food wrappings but these aren't beind addressed. Corvallis should not impose any of these proposed restrictions	Mar 19, 2012 2:44 PM
129	If the Allied waste services were to provide recycling of plastic bags, that would be a great way to recycle them. Also if attempts are made not just to recycle the plastic bags, but the plastic wrappers or covers that come with products, that would be really nice.	Mar 19, 2012 2:38 PM
130	none	Mar 19, 2012 2:08 PM
131	Really... do we need individuals trying to run our City with THEIR personal "feelings" and beliefs. Most of them have probably come from either California or Seattle. Practice your own systems at home, and leave the rest of us out of it.	Mar 19, 2012 1:23 PM

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132	Banning single-use plastic bags is environmentally sound. The economic hardship and/ consumer convenience is far outweighed by the damage our oceans have experienced due to single-use plastics.	Mar 19, 2012 12:59 PM
133	Let people make their own decisions, meanwhile, you do what you think is right. I'll do the same.	Mar 19, 2012 12:09 PM
134	I re-use all of the plastic carry out bags that I receive. If I did not, I would have to buy plastic bags on a roll that take longer to decompose in the landfill.	Mar 19, 2012 12:08 PM
135	I am grateful to live in a city like Corvallis where enough people care about enough about the quality of the environment to actually do something for positive change. Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to take this survey.	Mar 19, 2012 11:09 AM
136	none	Mar 19, 2012 9:42 AM
137	Retailers should provide plastic bags that are recyclable for their customers at no charge, such as those used by dog owners to pick up and dispose of poop, or will those be banned too? (Also, stop spraying produce so bags get soggy and dirty; this encourages people to throw them out.) Or, if they prefer, customers can use their own. This city imposes enough fees on its residents in an effort to make them "responsible." Enough is enough!	Mar 19, 2012 9:40 AM
138	I see many a recycling bin with plastic bags in them. I think people are trying to do the right thing but they are not educated enough to know that plastic bags are not acceptable.	Mar 19, 2012 9:13 AM
139	Paper bags are made locally with Oregon jobs, while plastic or reusable bags are not.	Mar 19, 2012 8:24 AM
140	Plastic bags are 100% recyclable. Taxing them will only hurt the public. It is a very poor solution.	Mar 19, 2012 8:22 AM
141	We balance the use of reusable bags so that we get enough plastic bags to use at home in the garbage cans.	Mar 18, 2012 9:12 PM
142	Take a stand and make a difference. Think seven generations out. What will our legacy be?	Mar 18, 2012 8:12 PM
143	I think we should have the option of not using plastic bags. It shouldn't be mandated to us.	Mar 18, 2012 4:03 PM
144	Why aren't we using paper bags still? I have always detested the practice of forcing plastic bags on us.	Mar 18, 2012 2:12 PM
145	I would be much more in favor of banning plastic bottles, which I believe to have an even more significant negative effect on the environment. I would also favor requiring the producers of plastics to generate methods to recycle them and to provide recycling facilities.	Mar 18, 2012 2:02 PM
146	DO NOT BAN BAGS OR CHARGE A FEE!	Mar 18, 2012 1:01 PM
147	Stop with this bs about plastic bags. What we need is people staying out of everyone else's business and mind their own. Bags are not the problem, control	Mar 18, 2012 12:28 PM

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	idiots trying to tell everyone else how to live their lives is the problem.	
148	Those doing this ACTION are thinking to narrow-mindedly. The SOURCE of the problem is the current plastic bags don't break down fast enough. So force the manufacturers to change the BAGS type.	Mar 18, 2012 11:56 AM
149	Corvallis should ban groceries and Grocery Stores so the town's concern over how to transport groceries would be rendered unnecessary.	Mar 18, 2012 11:52 AM
150	In case you didn't notice it rains here. Plastic holds up. Paper doesn't.	Mar 18, 2012 10:52 AM
151	plastic bags are best! They allow for the easiest carry and last the best!!	Mar 18, 2012 9:16 AM
152	If you start with this, what's next? Is the public aware of how many everyday items contain petrochemicals? Our clothing, drapes, carpeting, cosmetics, medicine....the list goes on and on,	Mar 18, 2012 5:54 AM
153	Stick with high priorities of city management.	Mar 17, 2012 11:02 PM
154	Of all the things you could do, why would you raise the cost of getting groceries. Why would you encourage people to bring reusable bags that they had stored meat in last night to bring in containments into where my food is kept.	Mar 17, 2012 9:34 PM
155	I support a retailer having the choice to stop using plastic bags. I passionately oppose local government do gooders demanding of everyone something that should be left as an individual choice. Government intrusion into daily life of free citizens is out of control.	Mar 17, 2012 5:30 PM
156	There is a significant budget issue. Do your job and deal with that!	Mar 17, 2012 4:30 PM
157	Less govenment is better government	Mar 17, 2012 3:38 PM
158	Use your money somewhere else. This is a non issue.	Mar 17, 2012 2:52 PM
159	Please mind your own business and stay out of our pocketbooks.	Mar 17, 2012 2:41 PM
160	The depth of my repugnance to this intrusive, invasive, drive to micromanage my life can scarcely be overstated.	Mar 17, 2012 2:37 PM
161	a few individuals have no right to set a policy harmful to others. encourage recycling and not just trash in the environment in any form. remember, we have the ability to demonstrate our displeasure by choosing to shop elsewhere. I for one will not support a total ban on paper or plastic.	Mar 17, 2012 2:30 PM
162	Get out of our lives and do not keep looking for more revenue you will waste.	Mar 17, 2012 2:23 PM
163	You all are stuck in the 90's, before recycling was made convenient and when some lunatics were seeing hallucinations of The End of The World.	Mar 17, 2012 2:19 PM
164	don't ban plastic bags, educate people on their options, let them decide on their own actions.	Mar 17, 2012 2:08 PM
165	Leave the plastic bags ALONE. Your attention proves you have too much time on your hands and/or are overstaffed.	Mar 17, 2012 1:53 PM

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166	Why do you not note the types of bags before the survey. ICLEI cities are communist cities. Truth not emotion.	Mar 17, 2012 1:45 PM
167	Banning plastic bags and charging a fee for paper is a sensible approach to reduce waste. Humans survived for centuries without plastic bags. It is amazing that people are so attached to something that has only been around the last 30 years. Corvallis should be a leader and show that they are committed to sustainability and reducing our dependance on fossil fuels. Portland is working toward expanding their ordinance to include all retailers and to put a fee on paper. We didn't do it right the first time and are now realizing our mistakes in failing to include ALL retailers and addressing paper bag usage. Corvallis can do it right. I don't see why Hilex Poly has a seat at your table. It is outrageous! They are a for-profit corporation that has a financial stake in the outcome. That is pure bias and should not be a part of how we govern! They create no jobs in Oregon. Corvallis should do what is in the public interest, not the interest of a select few.	Mar 17, 2012 1:24 PM
168	What do people with dogs do? Produce is keep damp/paper soaks through.	Mar 17, 2012 12:51 PM
169	If plastic bags were banned it would then necessitate buying plastic bags which would have a one time use as opposed to several uses of plastic retail bags.	Mar 17, 2012 11:58 AM
170	I think we need to be careful about making this cost prohibitive for lower income individuals. Being eco-friendly is important, but it often is something only the more affluent of us can afford. We should not price the less fortunate members of Corvallis out of our community.	Mar 17, 2012 11:47 AM
171	does anybody know where i can buy a couple of boxes of "single use" plastic bags so that if this stupid ban goes into effect i don't have to carry around those inconvenient fabric bags ?	Mar 17, 2012 11:23 AM
172	Stop the social engineering of business and what the government was established to do.	Mar 17, 2012 9:57 AM
173	This issue has been considered by the state's legislature and determined to be a non-problem. If appropriately handled, plastic bags pose no hazard. Corvallis has no business even considering this issue.	Mar 17, 2012 9:44 AM
174	Plastic bags are quite useful for many things. Paper bags have significant environmental costs as well. Unwise to try for TOO MUCH control over citizens via legislation.	Mar 17, 2012 9:39 AM
175	I like how store clerks in Corvallis will ask customers if they need a bag when they only have 1 or 2 items. This could be encouraged. Perhaps there could be some sort of pamphlet, blog or other forum on "Creative Ways to Reuse Plastic Bags".	Mar 17, 2012 9:32 AM
176	Leave us alone. No more stupid government rules for crying out loud!!!!	Mar 17, 2012 8:51 AM
177	I think a complete ban is a bad idea. I think a fee to make their use prohibitive except in emergencies is good. I think offering alternative uses and recycle programs would be beneficial. I also think rewarding those who use reusable cloth bags as well as penalize those who use plastic bags is best.	Mar 17, 2012 1:40 AM

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178	Why the fee on paper bags? I carry totes to the market, but I don't put produce or meats in them, it's unsanitary! Why not put this whole thing on the ballot and see how people feel about the issue. This survey is nice, but other than the GT, which has very low distribution, how are people to know about it? And how do you manage to keep the anti-bag people from skewing the results? Just wondering? Thanks for allowing me to vent though :)	Mar 16, 2012 7:58 PM
179	It is time to follow Portland's lead. We don't need plastic carry-out bags. People can buy recycled plastic bags for their trash cans and reuse produce/bulk food bags for their dog poop. The argument about reuseable bags as unsanitary holds no water. I just put items like raw meat in a produce bag before putting it in the reuseable bag, minimize spills, and spray them with lysol every couple of weeks/wash them. Like the Coop already does, stores could have some extra reusable bags nearby for the occasional customer that forgets. They also have cardboard boxes available to use at no charge. Many purchases are small enough to fit in one's purse if needed.	Mar 16, 2012 7:41 PM
180	It should be up to the customer if they want plastic bags. We are slowly losing all of our rights, to choose for our self.	Mar 16, 2012 7:24 PM
181	if you ban the plastic bag i will shop in Albany!!!	Mar 16, 2012 6:54 PM
182	Why are you always looking for ways to raise the cost of living in Corvallis. I will do more shopping elsewhere.	Mar 16, 2012 6:08 PM
183	I would like to ban plastic bags.	Mar 16, 2012 6:05 PM
184	I think a ban on plastic bags would be effective. It wouldn't take very many trips to the store without bags being available before my memory for bringing my own bags would improve. Having bags at the store is a crutch.	Mar 16, 2012 2:46 PM
185	I used to go to Allied Waste Depot to recycle plastic until I realized that the grocery store had a bin right as you entered the store (WinCo in my case). Have an advertising blitz to do this rather than what we turn out to be a largely symbolic gesture to ban plastic.	Mar 16, 2012 1:26 PM
186	Do NOT ban plastic bag use	Mar 16, 2012 1:19 PM
187	Using cloth bags just needs to become a habit and then it's easy as pie.	Mar 16, 2012 1:08 PM
188	It will be a bit more inconvenient to not have single-use bags, but well worth it for the environmental good it does.	Mar 16, 2012 12:43 PM
189	I believe we should get rid of carryout plastic at the cash registers but keep bags available for meat and fresh produce in the food sections. We should keep paper bags available at checkout.	Mar 16, 2012 11:48 AM
190	As stated above, this is not a gov't issue. If people desire paper bags, private retailers will respond to the demand and provide as appropriate. It is ridiculous to fee customers.	Mar 16, 2012 11:38 AM
191	This is environmental organizations and govt run amuck, and trying to run our lives. I used to consider myself an environmentalist and belonged to several	Mar 16, 2012 10:01 AM

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	organizations, but, no longer, because of what they do.	
192	Please lead the way in banning plastic bags! Think globally; ACT locally!!!	Mar 16, 2012 9:58 AM
193	Plastic bags are 100% recyclable. They are also made in the USA. I feel Corvallis is looking into this ill informed plan to try to be like Portland. I will shop in Albany instead of Corvallis if the ban occurs.	Mar 16, 2012 9:51 AM
194	City Council should not waste time on simpleton demands by idle activists like "ban the bag".	Mar 16, 2012 9:24 AM
195	I usually reuse the plastic shopping bags as garbage bags in my kitchen.	Mar 16, 2012 8:37 AM
196	Corvallis, Stop adding fees to everything. What next, toilet paper taxed by the square?	Mar 16, 2012 8:02 AM
197	I think bans are bad policy. I don't like policy that causes increased costs.	Mar 16, 2012 4:50 AM
198	Let's lead the way on this one & ban plastic carry-out bags	Mar 16, 2012 1:14 AM
199	The City council should stay out of transactions between businesses and their customers.	Mar 15, 2012 11:35 PM
200	I like re-using my plastic bags for garbage liners, and re-use them lots for carrying stuff. However, they are dangerous to the environment, so I support banning or at least reducing their use.	Mar 15, 2012 11:04 PM
201	Ban them...then people will adapt	Mar 15, 2012 9:47 PM
202	Total energy/water/resource analysis may favor plastic over paper. Corvallis should not over regulate personal choice to the proposed extent; it is an objectionable aspect of SFO/PDX that should not be attempted her. There will be major pushback from such an over zealous attempt.	Mar 15, 2012 9:46 PM
203	This ban is a significant step toward reducing the number of non-biodegradable plastic bags. These bags have been proven to be hazardous to ocean animals & birds that ingest these materials. There are reasonable alternatives that consumers can use (such as the cloth bags that our household uses). There is support in the Corvallis business community for this ban & support within the environmental groups that I support (including the Audubon Society of Corvallis & the Sierra Club). It's too easy to get overwhelmed by the enormity of the environmental problems we face, but we'll only move forward if we can find the willpower to take important stands like this one and support the ban of single-use plastic bags.	Mar 15, 2012 9:36 PM
204	There were no questions in the survey addressing attitudes of people toward their own personal desires and habits in using bags and how plastic is adversely affecting our environment and future generations. Germany many years ago charged for bags(plastic at that time). Shoppers all seemed to not have any problems using their cloth bags. Hopefully Corvallis will show a progressive and environmentally sound face to an easily solved problem. People in general do not like change, but if I managed to do it, any one can.	Mar 15, 2012 9:15 PM
205	Thank you for asking our opinion and working to make a difference! We don't	Mar 15, 2012 9:02 PM

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	want to leave behind us a legacy of trash. This would be a big step toward a brighter tomorrow for all of us.	
206	Have you asked Allied Waste what they would do? Are there barriers to implementing their plan? Is government making it difficult for them to carry through? HARD work is needed. Judgmentalism is not needed.	Mar 15, 2012 8:51 PM
207	If you are considering this it should be put to a vote of the people during the next election not imposed by the vocal minority (e.g. Philomath floridation issue/vote), that issue was also forced by a vocal minority.	Mar 15, 2012 8:08 PM
208	I completely support a ban on single-use plastic bags! Yes, as someone who uses them - I still support the ban. It just makes sense to do what's right for the planet.	Mar 15, 2012 7:57 PM
209	I support a bag ban. Unless forced to, people won't voluntarily give them up, and they're pretty awful for the environment.	Mar 15, 2012 7:40 PM
210	Corvallis, get off your liberal high horse & focus your efforts in more important areas like building a new jail, putting more cops on the streets et al.	Mar 15, 2012 7:26 PM
211	Don't ban plastic bags, charge a fee.	Mar 15, 2012 6:49 PM
212	none	Mar 15, 2012 6:27 PM
213	I have written to my council representative. I outlined the same objections as above. This is a pressure group tactic that would have a vanishing small impact on the environment. These are NOT plastic bags from Corvallis supposedly in the ocean.	Mar 15, 2012 5:34 PM
214	If you ban the plastic carry out bags...what will the folks that reuse them do??? Just go out and buy more plastic bags to replace them for the same use..	Mar 15, 2012 5:11 PM
215	None	Mar 15, 2012 5:09 PM
216	This is an awesome cause. We need less plastic in our lives!	Mar 15, 2012 4:41 PM
217	I want to recycle everything, and I think we need to do this.	Mar 15, 2012 4:35 PM
218	I love the ocean and the creatures that live there. Plastic bags are anathema and should be banned nationwide.	Mar 15, 2012 3:29 PM
219	I recycle all plastic bags - not only grocery bags, but also bread bags, newspaper bags, etc.	Mar 15, 2012 3:11 PM
220	I believe banning plastic bags would be a big step to building momentum for a state-wide ban. I have seen plastic bags covering the branches of trees in Kenya, and have seen the beginning of that here in Oregon. We need to nip that in the bud. I believe Kenya has since banned plastic bags. Let's please do it before we get to the state Kenya is in. Thank you.	Mar 15, 2012 2:39 PM
221	Someone needs to make a earth friendly bag for dog poop.	Mar 15, 2012 2:26 PM
222	the plastic bags are stronger than the paper bags and can be reused and	Mar 15, 2012 2:00 PM

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	recycled. Don't like having the special interest groups come in and demand the change and the government telling me whether or not I can use a plastic bag when I go grocery shopping.	
223	On a visit to Canada many years ago I went shopping and did not have any reuseable bags with me, and paid a 10 cent fee for each plastic bag that I used. If it was good a decade or more ago, then 10 cents should be the absolute minimum fee to discourage use of these bags. On a trip to Fred Meyer I saw a customer put each individual item in a plastic bag. I could not believe it! (Nor could the cashier.)	Mar 15, 2012 12:46 PM
224	Its funny that only a decade ago everone was complaining about paper bags and frowned upon their use. Plastic was the bag of choice.	Mar 15, 2012 12:38 PM
225	Do not allow allied waste to dump glass recycling as they currently do per City waiver. Also please ban the plastic bags	Mar 15, 2012 12:37 PM
226	There are too many Californian, hippy, tree-huggers in Corvallis trying to tell Oregonians what to do.	Mar 15, 2012 12:35 PM
227	DO NOT add any new costs to consumers.	Mar 15, 2012 12:26 PM
228	It's very simple/basic: Plastic bags are destroying our environment/oceans/etc. Therefore, ban all plastic bags.	Mar 15, 2012 12:09 PM
229	Let the market work. We do not need add'l govt. intervention nor expense imposed upon us.	Mar 15, 2012 12:07 PM
230	could probably recycle more of the bags than I currently do.	Mar 15, 2012 11:58 AM
231	I think I've said most of what I think--stay out of my life and quit telling me what I can do-use eat and quite adding taxes. I know you call them fees, but by any other name they are taxes. And yes, I will quity shopping in Corvallis.	Mar 15, 2012 11:23 AM
232	Keep Oregon beautiful! AS elected officials, you are responsible for what world we create for future generations. It cannot be left up to industry (profit driven) or individuals (inconsistent). These bags NEVER go away!!!	Mar 15, 2012 10:52 AM
233	We also need to ban plastic water bottles	Mar 15, 2012 9:45 AM
234	In Europe, they dramatically reduced single use plastic bag use by instituting a small fee. Typical reduction was in the range of 80%; even higher in Ireland when they went to a 25 cent fee.	Mar 15, 2012 9:34 AM
235	Let's stop wasting the petroleum and the trees. Even recycling them creates more work and uses precious energy. I have stored enough clean plastic bags and clean paper bags to reuse from when I chose to stop getting them at retail stores to last a decade. For single or few item purchases, I simply ask for no bag at all or simply use one of my 8 cloth bags.	Mar 15, 2012 9:27 AM
236	Corvallis is the nearest location for folks on the coast to do our major shopping, please support us in keeping the environment free of the plastic debris. As you know it gets windy here on the coast and these things really fly all over the place. If the fee is imposed and the bags are not banned will the City of Corvallis pay	Mar 15, 2012 9:27 AM

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	for cleanup efforts in the surrounding communities or do we just go elsewhere to shop?	
237	I think that economic incentives are the most palatable to most folks. Having government make more rules just breeds animosity toward the city.	Mar 15, 2012 9:20 AM
238	thanks	Mar 15, 2012 9:03 AM
239	IT COSTS 5 TIMES AS MUCH TO MAKE PAPER BAGS THAN PLASTIC. DEVOTE YOUR TIME TO DOING SOMETHING USEFUL!	Mar 15, 2012 9:02 AM
240	plastic is sanitary, convenient, reusable	Mar 15, 2012 7:30 AM
241	Why does the government need to be involved in this?	Mar 15, 2012 7:29 AM
242	Students seem to be the most likely to use and throw away plastic bags, as well as many other recyclable items. Perhaps they need some education.	Mar 15, 2012 7:28 AM
243	There are other vital community actions that you could work on. This is not it. Being the first community to do whatever is not always the best. Let people make their own choices without throwing on another "tax."	Mar 15, 2012 7:12 AM
244	Ban plastic carry out bags.	Mar 15, 2012 6:43 AM
245	banning plastic bags in one city in a whole state will do nothing to help with recycling them. Corvallis, in my opinion, will be putting a black mark on itself as a place not to shop. I think training cashiers to properly pack groceries into bags rather than having them only put 1 or 2 items into a bag will be better than banning the bags...it will use less bags. Also places like Goodwill and the Arc, use recycled plastic bags for their items. How will banning the plastic bags affect those kinds of businesses? What about restaurants who do to go foods and pack the containers in a bag, what about places like HomeDepot, Kmart, etc...all of those places have plastic bags. If you ban them, it won't just be grocery stores that will need to have a new option...It will cause an entire shopping experience city wide to become an inconvenience.This will just make people shop in Albany. They have costco, they have grocery outlet, and they now have walmart. All of my shopping can be done in Albany easily.	Mar 15, 2012 6:25 AM
246	Plastic bags are convenient and its easy to carry multiple bags. I find many uses for them after taking the store items home. Tere aremuch more important things for the city government to focus on. The city is already over-legislated as it is.	Mar 15, 2012 6:08 AM
247	It takes some guts to stop an industry that lulls the public into false beliefs that they won't harm us with their products. It's not honorable for elected officials placed in a postition of responsibility to the public to be seduced into being a tool for big oil.	Mar 15, 2012 4:25 AM
248	This is not an all or nothing solution. Start by charging for bags and then ban them once people get into the habit of having a reuse able bag with them. But there are are always going to be spontaneous shoppers so some sort of bag needs to be available. Also make it as easy as possible for people to recycle and educate them as to where to do so.	Mar 15, 2012 4:07 AM

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249	I would be most in favor of a mandatory fee on plastic and no mandatory fee on paper "single-use" carry-out bags.	Mar 15, 2012 3:15 AM
250	As you can see from my answers, I really do care about this and other sustainability problems. I suspect this issue is being driven by those with vested interests (grocery stores which will gain a little, and the regional paper industry which will gain a lot) by pushing a "feel good" emotional response from progressive communities in Portland, Corvallis, Ashland, etc. Then the plastic bag manufacturers send in their reps to whip-up baloney on the other side ("germs!"). If single-use bags are really a problem (of which I'm not yet convinced), a good solution would be an aluminum-can-type deposit high enough to encourage recycling (probably needs to be statewide - difficult to pass).	Mar 15, 2012 2:11 AM
251	If plastic bags are banned, don't want to see grocery stores to stop accepting plastic bags for recycling. Most of my plastic bags come from food packaging (e.g., bread.)	Mar 14, 2012 11:40 PM
252	Make the use of plastic bags prohibitive. I walk to work and work on campus. Along the way I see cast off plastic bags clogging sewer grates, along side curbs and in brush and gardens. Reuseable/washable grocery bags are an essy option with paper bags second.	Mar 14, 2012 10:41 PM
253	I've calculated that the petrol used in a one year's supply of plastic bags per family equals 1/2 gallon of gasoline, so perhaps more environmental value could be found in encouraging people to walk and bike more	Mar 14, 2012 10:30 PM
254	Just ban the plastic sinle use bags, please.	Mar 14, 2012 10:23 PM
255	We know that plastic bags are harmful. Banning them and charging for paper bags is the only way to get people to change. I would suggest a promotion/education tent in front of stores and give some cloth bags away. Possibly sell some moderately sized, different colored recycling and compost bins too. Convenience is key.	Mar 14, 2012 10:20 PM
256	I do not like being told which kind of bags I can use.	Mar 14, 2012 9:46 PM
257	Encouraging grocery stores to let customers use the boxes the food came in would be GREAT! I prefer them to bags, many times.	Mar 14, 2012 9:09 PM
258	None	Mar 14, 2012 8:56 PM
259	Other cities across the US are already doing it. Entire countries are doing it. What's holding Corvallis back?	Mar 14, 2012 8:41 PM
260	Leave things as they are. I do not need to be charged a fee to use a plastic bag.	Mar 14, 2012 8:31 PM
261	I am a college students who does not make very much money. Nonetheless I would be very willing to pay the highest tax that we would consider because I think it would change my behavior and I wouldn't actually end up paying the tax very often.	Mar 14, 2012 8:21 PM
262	It would be interesting to try one of the options above and see what the impact	Mar 14, 2012 8:16 PM

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	is; I will be interested in hearing what the survey results are overall.	
263	Many cloth bags are made in foreign countries	Mar 14, 2012 8:11 PM
264	We do not need more legislation driven by the small group of Corvallis residents who believe that they should make the right decisions for the rest of us.	Mar 14, 2012 8:09 PM
265	I think the city of corvallis is wasting it's time on stuff that means little when there are so many bigger problems out there	Mar 14, 2012 8:04 PM
266	Ban the bag.	Mar 14, 2012 7:53 PM
267	My family feels very strongly that a ban on plastic bags is not the answer. We (as will most family's) will have to go out and buy plastic bags that we now can get for free. Tonight in the paper I read a wonderful editorial on the reasons to not ban the one time use bags. A loss of jobs was talked about as well as making the plastic bags was cheaper to make and easier on the environment as well. And the term one time use bags is so wrong..... At my home they are used many times before they are tossed out or recycled. Trash can liners, cleaning litter box bags, clean up dog poop bags, etc..... If the bags were banned low income family's like mine which don't have a lot of extra money would have to buy other bags for these uses anyways. You will never have a plastic free world..... I as well don't feel that the fabric bags are unsanitary, and paper bags rip out before they can get into the house. Also with plastic bags people can carry 4 to 6 at a time. Try that with paper. It won't work. People who don't have a car and ride the bus can get there items home much easier. And if they have several places to go first, before the store, won't have to bring the fabric bags with them where ever they go. The people who are responsible now will always be responsible. Those who are not responsible now never will be. Don't let a few mess things up for the rest of us. The world as I said before will never be plastic bag free. Thank you!	Mar 14, 2012 7:36 PM
268	The City of Corvallis needs to be spending more time making sure that our rights as citizens are not impeded by more government regulations, than denying our right of personal choice. You should be dedicating the rest of your time trying to figure out how to decrease taxes and government spending.	Mar 14, 2012 7:02 PM
269	I use the plastic bags that I get at the local stores mostly to use as cat litter disposal bags, pooper scoopers for the dog, garden tents in spring and lunch bags to take my lunch to work. I also cover items from the rain, protect books & papers & my bike seat from rain. As an older citizen with arthritis, carrying the cloth bags packed too full is very hard on me. It is much easier for me to carry several bags filled lighter than one cloth bag filled to the brim. Income to spend on groceries, dept store purchases is difficult enough without an additional fee added to the price. As a tax payer for the city, I find it unacceptable to have another "green" agenda forced on all residents. We need to have choices in this city, freedoms to choose, and education for all residents that plastic bags can and should be part of the recycle process. We recycle tons in this city, why is it we can not come up with plastic bag recycling? The city can be a model for paper, plastic and cloth bag usage. If city residents are educated, given choices for recycling and not just another law with a fee attached to it forced on them, they will continue to shop here in Corvallis. Philomath & Albany are not too far to go for shopping if shoppers are forced out of Corvallis due to fee's and another	Mar 14, 2012 7:02 PM

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	green agenda!	
270	Don't believe city government should direct and manage my lifestyle to this extent. If you educate me as to why I should recycle, I probably will. Otherwise, its like asking me to stop smoking just because you say so if I'm not so inclined.	Mar 14, 2012 7:00 PM
271	n/a	Mar 14, 2012 6:22 PM
272	Getting rid of bags erik have a learning curve where people will learn to carry they own alternative reusable bags.	Mar 14, 2012 5:33 PM
273	Like many other people, I would end up having to buy plastic bags to use for various types of garbage disposal if I didn't have the plastic bags that come with purchases. This just transfers the recycling problem to store bought bags and is more expensive and inconvenient for me as a consumer. The only people to benefit then would be the national companies "selling" plastic bags. Why not also ban zip lock or sandwich type bags too? They are also used just once by most people since few will take the time to wash them out to use again, or at least not more than once. I am also concerned that people who walk their dogs will just not pick up the poop, or do it less often, if they have to start buying bags rather than using ones they get with purchases.	Mar 14, 2012 5:33 PM
274	Maybe Allied Waste could provide a reusable bag that you put plastic bags in and put curbside once a month (just like the unique tub for glass).	Mar 14, 2012 5:29 PM
275	I re-use grocery store bags for my trash - if they were not available I would buy kitchen trash bags. I think a charge for bags would greatly reduce their usage. I have been in other countries that do this - U.K. for example.	Mar 14, 2012 5:24 PM
276	I am willing to change my habbits. Please keep your solutions as user friendly as possible	Mar 14, 2012 5:08 PM
277	Retailers just passing on cost of bags with encourage folks to reuse	Mar 14, 2012 5:02 PM
278	If you ban plastic bags or place a fee on paper and plastic bags, I'll shop more in Albany when I'm there.	Mar 14, 2012 5:02 PM
279	My personal routine of recycling plastic bags is taking a large plastic trash bag, hang it up on a hook in my garage, add as much plastic-related material (ziplock bags, etc.) and any stray plastic bags I acquire along the way, and gather them all up until the bag is full of the mix of plastic, then take it down to a plastic recycle station between Albertsons and the Dollar Tree on Circle and Kings Blvd. and deposit it there for pick up. I honestly don't know of any other plastic recycle stations in town other than this one.	Mar 14, 2012 4:32 PM
280	In this country, there are two kinds of people: those who follow the rules, and those who find ways to get around them (sometimes legitimately). If this plastic bag ban is approved, people who need plastic bags could buy small trash bags (i.e. Glad, Hefty, or equivalent brand) as an alternative. A litter problem of discarded plastic bags could still exist. People in need of a free plastic bag might go the Bi-Mart, Fred Meyer, Albertson's, Safeway, or other major retail stores in Albany instead of Corvallis. Thus, it might not be good for the retail stores in Corvallis. It must be difficult for the City Council to decide if they will	Mar 14, 2012 4:31 PM

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	favor local businesses or those silly liberal environmentalists. If an ordinance might interfere with the rights of people, then an elite group of administrators should not make this decision over a contested issue. Therefore, I suggest this issue be decided by the people in an upcoming election. Put this issue on a ballot and let the citizens exercise our democracy.	
281	Plastic bags are derived from ethane, an otherwise not-so-useful component of natural gas. Environmental harm from such bags is overstated. Do some research on "plasticizer migration" and you'll realize that these bags decay and "go away" quite quickly. This whole issue is much ado about nothing.	Mar 14, 2012 4:19 PM
282	Why not ban the producers from making them or charge the store for buying them. The big fish aren't penalized while the little fish have to pay.	Mar 14, 2012 4:02 PM
283	As I've said, should a TAX be imposed or plastic bags eliminated, we will discontinue shopping in Corvallis.	Mar 14, 2012 3:53 PM
284	I live in Newport on the weekends but work and shop and live in Philomath during the week. So, I feel my vote counts as a Corvallis/surrounding resident.	Mar 14, 2012 3:43 PM
285	none	Mar 14, 2012 3:41 PM
286	Its not clear from your web page how we can support this bag ban or bag fee in corvallis. Why isnt the webpage a more facebook and twitter linkable web-page? Fortunately someone sent me the http on facebook, but lets get this social media saavy!	Mar 14, 2012 3:16 PM
287	Ban plastic if you must. That achieves the stated goal. Do NOT charge for paper bags.	Mar 14, 2012 3:09 PM
288	none	Mar 14, 2012 2:41 PM
289	We need to stop relying on plastic bags altogether, eventually.	Mar 14, 2012 2:17 PM
290	PAPER BAGS ONLY!	Mar 14, 2012 2:16 PM
291	Don't make the stores remove them! It is not the City's job!	Mar 14, 2012 2:15 PM
292	I don't understand why single-use plastic bags aren't used as garbage bags more. Then you don't have to buy brand-new garbage bags, and get to keep the convenience of plastic bags from the store too.	Mar 14, 2012 2:10 PM
293	Please do NOT ban the use of plastic bags. We do not need the local government to be continually acting to micro-manage our lives. Instead, educate the public regarding the issues involved in the use of store plastic bags. Thanks.	Mar 14, 2012 2:07 PM
294	How can we Oregonians be so proud of how beautiful the entire state is, including wildlife therein, and NOT want to preserve both? Too selfish and lazy, I guess.	Mar 14, 2012 1:49 PM
295	This is not about personal comfort. It's about sustainability.	Mar 14, 2012 1:47 PM
296	This idea is terrible!	Mar 14, 2012 1:47 PM

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297	I am a stong believer in choices. Those that want to ban the bags, they have the choice not to use them, so don't. I feel my choice is just as important as theirs. A lot of jobs are hinged on the use of these bags. It is easy to ban a product when your job is not threatened by it. Let's keep the bags and do a better job at recycling them.	Mar 14, 2012 1:42 PM
298	I am not in favor of oversight of plastic bags. I think our governments resources could be used in a lot better ways than plastic bag policing... Not to mention the individuals time to pursue this... It makes me wonder how many people we could help with food or shelter instead of worrying about plastic bags... Its a good better best concept... Bag awareness might be a good thing but there are better things out there maybe even a best...	Mar 14, 2012 1:34 PM
299	I think this is a good idea, and that those plastic bags should be banned	Mar 14, 2012 1:29 PM
300	I think putting a fee on the bags combined with education about the impacts of them on the environment would have a significant impact. Banning them seems like it would create more frustration and would further cement conservative hatred of protecting the environment. We are working to educate people about the earth, not forcing them to do something so they feel oppressed and the gap between the right and the left grows ever larger...	Mar 14, 2012 1:29 PM
301	I forget my reusable bags and they fall apart very easily/aren't very durable.	Mar 14, 2012 1:27 PM
302	I reuse the plastic bags a receive to line trash bins and to clean up after the dog on walks.	Mar 14, 2012 1:12 PM
303	The cost will definety be passed on to the consumer.. the only one who wins with this is the retailer..he will bebuying less bags and the costs will go down or charging a fee and keeping the money	Mar 14, 2012 1:04 PM
304	stop micromanaging people. trash is a behavioral issue. besides plastic bags there is fast food trash and just plain consumer littering. i know how to manage my trash, leave my options alone	Mar 14, 2012 12:55 PM
305	This issues is a waste of city government time and money.	Mar 14, 2012 12:54 PM
306	Plastic bags should be banned, I do not support a fee against paper products but do agree with retailers who charge for providing bags (or discount for bringing your own)	Mar 14, 2012 12:42 PM
307	How about instead of putting a charge on everything come up with a better solution. How about a recycling bag at all store locations that people can put plastic bags in.	Mar 14, 2012 12:40 PM
308	I feel that this is an important part of carrying for our surroundings.	Mar 14, 2012 12:35 PM
309	Bags should be a consumer choice. If people do not want to use the plastic bags they can bring their own without the government telling them to.	Mar 14, 2012 12:32 PM
310	I fully support banning plastic bags, I think it is a necessary step for community sustainability.	Mar 14, 2012 12:27 PM
311	none	Mar 14, 2012 12:25 PM

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312	Give the retailers some possible options and let each of them decide what they want to do.	Mar 14, 2012 12:23 PM
313	(Repeat of comment from #6): Paper bags, though conveniently recyclable, consume more energy & resources to produce than plastic many do. Therefore, education of both retailers & public is important to make a significant environmental impact!	Mar 14, 2012 12:21 PM
314	If they are good reuse plastic bags, I will wash and use them many times over, before recycle. If they are not I don't see the point. I would use many more bags creating more trash.	Mar 14, 2012 12:02 PM
315	If its economical, It would be nice if retailers defaulted to paper bags.	Mar 14, 2012 12:00 PM
316	g	Mar 14, 2012 11:48 AM
317	I will shop outside of corvallis if bags are banned	Mar 14, 2012 11:43 AM
318	paper bags are great they brake down back to mother earth even if they are in the road ditch or in a river people need use their brain	Mar 14, 2012 11:42 AM
319	I used to live in Australia by the beach. On my daily beach walk I took a plastic bag to put refuse in that others left on beach.	Mar 14, 2012 11:37 AM
320	more reuseable	Mar 14, 2012 11:36 AM
321	I think Allied Waste should provide plastic bag recycling services to people's houses. Plastic bag recycling services should also be put into place in retail stores and not just grocery stores. All stores in general should be more active in educating public in plastic bag recycling, and using reusable shopping bags.	Mar 14, 2012 11:35 AM
322	Unfortunately, many people are not willing to take the extra step to carry the bags to a bag recycle area, they are going to want to put the bags in with the rest of their mixed recycling. Some effort should be put toward figuring out a way to allow plastic bag and plastic film recycling to be a part of the weekly mixed recycle pick up.	Mar 14, 2012 11:28 AM
323	Enough dithering about doing what's right for the planet. Nuts to what some people want--too bad, this junk ends up in the ocean and harms innocent and unsuspecting wildlife.	Mar 14, 2012 11:27 AM
324	Adding fees will hit folks who can least afford an additional charge. Recycling and reuse (research for how) are the most effective means.	Mar 14, 2012 11:25 AM
325	even if we had 100% recycling, we'd still be wasting the resources to manufacture them and to recycle them. better to ban them in the first place.	Mar 14, 2012 11:20 AM
326	Maybe lower income families could receive their first reusable bag or two to get started.	Mar 14, 2012 11:10 AM
327	In favor of any and all steps taken to get rid of these bags. They are clearly single-use because they ALWAYS get holes in the bottom with first use.	Mar 14, 2012 11:06 AM
328	Cleaning out a grotty plastic bag is a pain. It's messy and not very thorough, and	Mar 14, 2012 11:05 AM

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	because you may recycle clean bags only, people are unlikely to do it. But I've already said that.	
329	Aren't there more pressing issues that the City could be dealing with rather than this ridiculous "Bag Ban"?????	Mar 14, 2012 11:03 AM
330	The plastic bags should go to land fill where years later when the rest has decomposed they can serve as raw material for other uses. Need to fine people who discard bags on streets, and use proceeds for collection of the same	Mar 14, 2012 10:57 AM
331	get out of my life, and leave my alone	Mar 14, 2012 10:54 AM
332	Doesn't our city have budget and other important things to do instead of waste time on plastic bags?	Mar 14, 2012 10:41 AM
333	First Alternative North Store should have a recycling bin near each entrance, and should place paper bags where they now place plastic ones, for use with bulk foods.	Mar 14, 2012 10:37 AM
334	I support the ban of single use PLASTIC carry-out bags, but I support keeping paper bags in use, as they are much more readily recycled and re-used.	Mar 14, 2012 10:35 AM
335	I use a mix of reusable bags, paper bags & plastic at the grocery store. Different bags are better for different items. I keep a paper bag under the sink to put all recycles, plus I use them with some cooking, and kids need them for various things. The plastic bags I don't take back to recycle are all used: lining bathroom trash, carry wet shoes or swimsuit, dog poop, barf bag, and many more. Putting a fee (tax) on any kind of bag is regressive, as the poor are less likely to have reusable bags.	Mar 14, 2012 10:34 AM
336	Charging people - including out of town visitors - to take their purchases home is not very friendly and could lead to people shopping elsewhere.	Mar 14, 2012 10:32 AM
337	Why not target the single-use plastic bags used for produce? Seems to me they cause as much if not more headaches for the environment since people with reusable bags still use them for produce.	Mar 14, 2012 10:30 AM
338	Banning plastic bags takes away a choice. Charging a fee for either paper or plastic seems more reasonable because then people who take them pay for them, rather than (I assume) a blanket charge where everyone pays for something only some use. Many people seem to be on autopilot. So little things like asking IF they need a bag, having boxes available, and charging a fee for bags might just help folks come out of their fog and reconsider their choices.	Mar 14, 2012 10:23 AM
339	If plastic carry-out bags were banned altogether, I'd be sad to have to buy plastic garbage bags instead of getting them for free. But I think banning them would be better for the environment and less wasteful in the long run.	Mar 14, 2012 10:22 AM
340	If retail stores did not supply bags I would have to buy some - I believe I am a responsible citizen by always picking up dog waste when on a walk	Mar 14, 2012 10:08 AM
341	I would love to see plastic bags completely go away. Beside the obvious environmental problems created by the production and senseless landfill	Mar 14, 2012 10:07 AM

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	problems, they end up as litter trash on our lands and the sea. Did you know that sea turtles mistake plastic bags as jellyfish? Hence, the turtle dies of starvation and other illnesses.	
342	Educate the public starting in schools. Enough government intervention/ regulation. The cost to the consumer far exceeds bag fees when you add in all associated costs with such a program including enforcement and oversight. When would it end, the fees? Business not government should decide about charging for any bagging fees. People will become responsible when they are educated. That is the pragmatic way to change behavior. Question 13 what is the security issue? If you want personal information just ask for it.	Mar 14, 2012 10:07 AM
343	I object to the people "who know what is best" jamming this down our throats.	Mar 14, 2012 10:06 AM
344	No more plastic bags!	Mar 14, 2012 10:06 AM
345	1. It is not up to the City of Corvallis to dictate to me my individual tastes. 2. The City of Corvallis should not be listening to those few and accept their ideals and those of the masses. 3. What business is it of the City's to decide to put a cost to baggage? None. 4. My personal shopping issues should not be dictated to me by the City of Corvallis or the other few individuals. 5. What a ridiculous what of money, resources, times, etc., that the City takes on this type of "cause". Again, my personal shopping habits should not be dictated to by you, the City, or anyone else. This is not Russia, we are not a communist state. If I want to use one-time usable bags that is my option. If I choose to use paper, that is my option as well. Next the city will try to tell me how much toilet paper I can use. Get real...worry about the city budget, stop wasting your time.	Mar 14, 2012 10:01 AM
346	Where plastic bags are paid for, they are reused and the amount of plastic litter is much reduced.	Mar 14, 2012 9:57 AM
347	Corvallis Retailers must provide free bags for their customers to transport their purchases. We need to attract customers to shop in Corvallis, not encourage them to shop in Albany.	Mar 14, 2012 9:57 AM
348	The city council has better issues to address than use of plastic bags. Even addressing this issue by city government is a waste of time and money.	Mar 14, 2012 9:54 AM
349	Since all of my plastic bags are either recycled or end up in the landfill, I see no need for wasting time and money on a ban on plastic bags	Mar 14, 2012 9:49 AM
350	I am strongly not in favor of this ban! I am capable of recycling the bags!	Mar 14, 2012 9:45 AM
351	Read the info about the damage to wildlife and the fact that plastic is not biodegradable. That should be enough. Don't be swayed by the amount of pushback you will receive from the plastic bag makers!	Mar 14, 2012 9:44 AM
352	please ban plastic bags and charge for paper bags	Mar 14, 2012 9:42 AM
353	We keep our plastic bags and use them around the house as essentially small trash bags.	Mar 14, 2012 9:42 AM
354	All for banning plastic bags	Mar 14, 2012 9:41 AM

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355	Please, please pass the plastic bag ban. People will be surprised how easy it is to switch to reuseable bags!	Mar 14, 2012 9:40 AM
356	We have plastic impact problems that are FAR WORSE than wee plastic bags. For starters, why not ban disposable diapers? I never used those. Mainly SYNTHETIC MICROFIBERS in the world's waters are MUCH MORE likely to be causing damage, for one example. Are we going to BAN MICROFIBERS???	Mar 14, 2012 9:40 AM
357	I think this initiative is bad for local businesses. Using a fee to consumers, administrated by businesses is not the way to go to lessen plastic bag usage.	Mar 14, 2012 9:38 AM
358	There are lots of people who might need plastic bags like if they ride the bus and forget to bring a bag. It would be very hard to bring home a couple bags of groceries if you only had the paper option. Then again maybe if plastic was no longer a choice then people would be forced to remember or just deal with it.	Mar 14, 2012 9:38 AM
359	Adding a mandatory "fee" to each bag used, only hurts the low-income. This should not be a function of government, but a function of the individual business. If a business wants to charge a fee, so be it. But it should not be mandated by the city	Mar 14, 2012 9:30 AM
360	Useful for disposing of chicken carcasses, fish and other smelly things	Mar 14, 2012 9:25 AM
361	Aren't there biodegradable plastic bags? I prefer the strength and convenience to most paper bags. Biodegradable plastic bags should be part of this discussion. I don't think the government- especially the city council- should get into what kind of grocery bags I use. I think you have much more important problems to worry about. Mind your own business, please. (Step up littering enforcement if you must.)	Mar 14, 2012 9:23 AM
362	If your looking for an issue that ticks off Joe Six Pack, this is one of them. We heard for YEARS from the environmental crowd, "don't use paper, use plastic!" So retailers and consumers switched to plastic. Now it's "Don't use plastic!"	Mar 14, 2012 9:22 AM
363	Please ban plastic bags. They don't benefit anyone except the manufacturers!!	Mar 14, 2012 9:19 AM
364	The ban on plastic should be rolled out slowly to give folks time to buy/get reusable bags. Ex. ban will begin 1/1/2013 and encourage/incentivize stores to "giveaway" reusable bags with min purchase. Ex. Free reusable bag with \$20 purchase will give folks opportunity and time to accumulate 5-10 grocery bags.	Mar 14, 2012 9:18 AM
365	I don't think the plastic bag fee will do anything until it's a large enough amount to add several dollars to the total bill. You have to overcome the "annoyance factor" and make it more painful. In addition, I find the Oregon 5cent bottle and can deposit to not be worth the effort to bring them back - instead I put them in the recycling. However, I lived in Michigan for 20+ years and the 10cent deposit was enough incentive to get most residents to return cans.	Mar 14, 2012 9:18 AM
366	The largest number of plastic bags I is not the bags at checkout. The biggest source in my house is the Gazette Times and from the vegetable area of the grocery store .	Mar 14, 2012 9:17 AM
367	Please dont pass this ban. It is hard enough to raise and feed a family. But	Mar 14, 2012 9:17 AM

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	adding an additional load of weekly laundry (which will also impact the environment) or raising the cost of my grocery bill to buy paper bags creates an additional burden on my time, energy and finances. Although I agree that environmental issues should concern us all, perhaps those that are most concerned with this issue should focus on positive solutions, such as added recycling options rather than punishing people who can't comply with this agenda.	
368	They have many uses; although we do not have a dog, they are very useful for picking up excrement. We use them as trash bag and liners throughout our home and reuse them from week to week. What we don't use in that fashion, we recycle at the grocery store.	Mar 14, 2012 9:16 AM
369	That plastics company from south cackalackie is not among the City's constituency. I'm appalled that they even have a seat at the table. Are they checking out the rental housing market while they're out here?	Mar 14, 2012 9:14 AM
370	they just need to be banned, otherwise policy will be fractured and unenforced.	Mar 14, 2012 9:01 AM
371	i appreciate having bags at check-out for the times i didn't plan on visiting a store and wouldn't mind paying for them, that would encourage me to be more prepared next time.	Mar 14, 2012 9:01 AM
372	I don't like the idea of city government telling me what sort of bag I'm allowed to use for bringing items home that I've purchased from local retailers. I don't like the options available for reusable bags due to the fact that some of the reusable bags have been found to be dangerous to our health. Who knows where those bags have been stored or what was previously used for then placed on the counter at the store for reloading!	Mar 14, 2012 9:00 AM
373	The process or recycling plastics could be simplified by requiring Allied Waste to allow them to be collected through home recycling pickup.	Mar 14, 2012 8:55 AM
374	Get the city council busy on real issues please. Limiting Plastic bag use is a popular cry for the greenies that already use reusable bags to shop and carry in. Don't alienate the people not as eco-politically evolved. Just encourage by education and recycling events.	Mar 14, 2012 8:51 AM
375	Not in favor of plastic bags.	Mar 14, 2012 8:44 AM
376	I think that most people in Corvallis already recycle and are careful with their plastic bags. I rarely see discarded plastic bags in the city and surrounding areas. I don't see a vector with my useage and plastic garbage on the coast. If anything this initiative may be more about making a political statement than solving a real problem.	Mar 14, 2012 8:43 AM
377	I prefer paper bags - I recyle them in the commingle recoiling, start the wood stove with them, or take them to the co-op for reuse.	Mar 14, 2012 8:19 AM
378	A bureaucratic solution to a problem of individual responsibility unnecessarily encumbers all of us.	Mar 14, 2012 8:16 AM
379	Let those customers that want to use plastic carry-out bags use them, and those	Mar 14, 2012 8:13 AM

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	customers that don't like them don't have to use them, and they should stop telling others how they should live their lives.	
380	banning bags creates major hassle; we would shop outside of town to avoid hassles...try other alternatives first to assess success rather than a full ban.	Mar 14, 2012 8:04 AM
381	Please consider ban on plastic bags, learning to use a reusable bag should be just like learning to remember to put your shoes on to go to the store or grab your wallet or purse, not too much to ask, over time, folks will remember and it will become away of life.	Mar 14, 2012 7:46 AM
382	The city government has been taken over by a few very vocal citizens instead of being run by all of us. In this economy and with the problems these issues should not take up so much time of the city government.	Mar 14, 2012 7:24 AM
383	we mostly use for dog excrement	Mar 14, 2012 7:12 AM
384	We don't need another layer of bureaucracy. Don't burden customers & retailers w/more regulations & bans. People like plastic bags for groceries...you can carry 10 full plastic bags at once (5 or more on each arm) OR 2 full paper bags (and if you're lucky, it won't be raining!), or 2 reusable totes.	Mar 14, 2012 6:35 AM
385	Please don't do this.	Mar 13, 2012 11:21 PM
386	I applaud the City of Corvallis for taking on this subject.	Mar 13, 2012 10:32 PM
387	security needed for bag ban questions?	Mar 13, 2012 9:57 PM
388	I reuse my bags for dog poop, but I would be willing to buy bags if these were not available.	Mar 13, 2012 8:53 PM
389	I dont think the city should get involved in this.	Mar 13, 2012 8:18 PM
390	Thank you, glad this is being addressed here.	Mar 13, 2012 8:07 PM
391	Travel often to Portland and find that the people there have made the transition without too much trouble. If Fred Meyer can do without bags there, they can do without bags here.	Mar 13, 2012 7:26 PM
392	none	Mar 13, 2012 7:08 PM
393	Let us lead by example on this issue. Ban the bags.	Mar 13, 2012 4:48 PM
394	This is simply an indirect means of raising taxes on citizens.	Mar 13, 2012 4:37 PM
395	Biggest problem stated by bag-ban supporters is plastic in the oceans. This plastic is not from Corvallis, so a local bag-ban will do nothing the fix the problem. Please do not let a small vocal group impose their beliefs on everyone else.	Mar 13, 2012 4:15 PM
396	It seems like the wants of a few are influencing the lives of the many.	Mar 13, 2012 3:59 PM
397	I reuse plastic bags- garbage can liners and poop bags for dogs. I cannot do so with paper and throw it away.	Mar 13, 2012 2:12 PM

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398	Why don't the anti-plastic bag folks speak more of using Oregon's trees to make paper bags as opposed to using plastic bags. Isn't there a possible slight lift to the Oregon economy if we use more paper bags?	Mar 13, 2012 12:44 PM
399	I reuse most of my paper and plastic bags to give garden produce to friends and relatives	Mar 13, 2012 11:44 AM
400	Banning plastic sacks would be the right thing to do.	Mar 13, 2012 11:19 AM
401	Thank you for considering the bag ban on plastics.	Mar 13, 2012 11:03 AM
402	Ban the bags.	Mar 13, 2012 10:56 AM
403	There may be initial resistance to banning plastic bags by some people, but once it is in place, people will quickly become used to bringing their own bags, and will then get into the habit of it, and realize that it wasn't such a hassle after all. That is what happened to me when first alternative coop started charging for paper bags a few years ago. We should DEFINITELY BAN plastic bags!	Mar 13, 2012 10:38 AM
404	I would have liked to see a section on what people reuse the bags for. Question *13 Whose security??	Mar 13, 2012 9:45 AM
405	This city is supposed to be of above intelligence full of 'earthy' residents - don't force us to not use plastic bags. Let people decide for themselves.	Mar 13, 2012 8:43 AM
406	If the fees for single use bags are low (such as \$0.05), most people won't feel it is a large enough price to make them bring reusable bags. It needs to be higher, with a complete ban on bags.	Mar 13, 2012 8:16 AM
407	Please be very cautious about imposing a mandatory fee or a ban on bags. This will only provoke a strong counter-reaction on the part of people who feel their local government is too authoritarian already. We need more creative ways to positively encourage change, not draconian measures that will further alienate locals.	Mar 13, 2012 7:42 AM
408	Please remove this from the table and concentrate on more pressing matters, like reducing county property taxes, streamlining government departments, equalizing government benefits with their employer's (the tax-payer) benefit packages, etc. Just a few suggestions, and there are many, many more that need immediate attention. Banning the bags is legislating morality and we already know that doesn't work. Can we please move on now?	Mar 13, 2012 7:09 AM
409	Single use plastic bags use too much oil to produce and are a menace to the environment. Even though I occasionally use them, I would be willing to pay for that convenience. A fee would certainly make me more conscientious about remembering my cloth bags.	Mar 13, 2012 1:48 AM
410	I see people everyday using plastic bags for a variety of reasons. If these bags are banned, I will buy a box of small kitchen garbage bags and continue to use plastic responsibly. Banning these bags will not stop people from using plastic bags and a fee is not fair.	Mar 13, 2012 1:24 AM
411	Thank you for taking this issue seriously and seeking community input!	Mar 12, 2012 11:12 PM

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412	I would like to know where I can recycle the one use plastic bags.	Mar 12, 2012 10:50 PM
413	I got to this survey from an ad placed by Hilex Poly trying to convince corvallis residents to "Bag the Ban". It's really silly. On a local level pretty much everybody wants to ban plastic bags. They're trying to skew your survey results.	Mar 12, 2012 10:44 PM
414	I sometimes forget to take in my cloth bag. It's good to be pushed to remember to do that! I'm for the ban, and charging 5c for paper. I do use all my paper bags as liner in my kitchen waste basket, so want to keep getting those.	Mar 12, 2012 10:34 PM
415	We need to wean people off single-use plastic bags completely.	Mar 12, 2012 10:19 PM
416	I strongly support either banning or charging a fee for plastic bags at the checkout stand. I don't support banning the ones used for meat and produce.	Mar 12, 2012 10:00 PM
417	I would love to see ban in plastic bags with alternatives provided to retailers	Mar 12, 2012 9:24 PM
418	I don't recycle them because I don't use them	Mar 12, 2012 9:19 PM
419	I absolutely oppose a ban or fees. People can be educated and then make their choice and I do not want to be told what I can and can't carry my groceries in.	Mar 12, 2012 8:37 PM
420	Against banning plastic bags. Let's think of all the people who could lose their job. The environment is important but people are more important!	Mar 12, 2012 8:35 PM
421	leave my lifestyle alone	Mar 12, 2012 8:16 PM
422	After the floods this winter, the slough running from the Circle K through Evanite in Southtown is chock full of plastic debris hanging from the limbs of trees and shrubs. Not all of it is single use plastics bags, but it's darn near all plastic and styrofoam. The stuff may not be intentional litter, but it sure as heck ends up everywhere, especially in waterways, and it doesn't go away.	Mar 12, 2012 8:10 PM
423	None at this time.	Mar 12, 2012 7:34 PM
424	The city should not be spending our tax dolars on this "feel good " item. There are more important things.	Mar 12, 2012 7:05 PM
425	Recycling is better than the trash, but it's still a very energy consumptive and polluting process. That's why REDUCE (ie a ban) is the first and most important step, REUSE is the next important, and recycle is at the bottom of the triangle.	Mar 12, 2012 7:03 PM
426	The only time we actually get them is when we buy more thatn we had planned and don't have enough bags with us and the ones we do get, get used for really nasty things.	Mar 12, 2012 6:54 PM
427	Ban plastic bags! Save the environment!!!	Mar 12, 2012 6:50 PM
428	I think it should be the shoppers choice. Most people walking or biking might need the plastic bags if it is raining. We personally don't ask for plastic but if we don't get to the checker before they start loading we end up w/ plastic. Many years past they actually use to ask "paper" or "plastic" Why not start that up again?	Mar 12, 2012 6:33 PM

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429	Stop making a problem that only a small percentage of people want in Corvallis.	Mar 12, 2012 6:24 PM
430	thank you for bringing this issue to light!	Mar 12, 2012 5:53 PM
431	make people pay for plastic bags	Mar 12, 2012 5:43 PM
432	Plastic grocery bags are a serious problem. Very often, even when thrown away, they end up on the street, sidewalk, Willamette & Marys rivers. During the flooding in January you could see how much plastic bag litter there was on the side of main streets (hwy 20 & 34, Philomath Blvd) because it all floated to the top and sat there caught in the bushes. They're unsightly, unnecessary, and -in my opinion- encourage people to be wasteful.	Mar 12, 2012 5:32 PM
433	Plastic bags are horrible for our environment, please don't go with option 4 of "do nothing."	Mar 12, 2012 5:05 PM
434	I think education combined with a small fee would be a great combination. Once people understand and have paid more in fees than a reusable bag costs they will form new habits. My daughter never forgets her bags.	Mar 12, 2012 4:57 PM
435	I would be proud to have Corvallis be a leader in this effort. I shop at the co-op often and it has become habit to bring my own bags. I believe it is just a matter of helping our community form this positive habits.	Mar 12, 2012 4:48 PM
436	I'm not sure why it is necessary to exclude restaurants from the regulations.	Mar 12, 2012 4:19 PM
437	and fruit until they are messy and then recycle them unless they have had rotten food in them or if they are coated on the inside with something like flour or salty oil from salted nuts. It's very simple to use cloth or reusable/recyclable sturdy plastic bags; all it requires is developing a new habit and finding a place to keep them handy in your car all the time. It's a no-brainer for a big benefit; the City Council should stop dragging its feet.	Mar 12, 2012 4:08 PM
438	I'm fully 100% on board with the plastic bag ban in Corvallis. We are a progressive city and can be a leader in this movement.	Mar 12, 2012 4:08 PM
439	I would like to see plastic carry-out bags banned completely. I would need an alternative for items that can't be put in a different kind of bag, and would like to see the stores allow us to bring in our own containers, like the Co-op does.	Mar 12, 2012 4:06 PM
440	What ever happened to Eco-alliance and Waste Transformation? These groups did an incredible job of educating the Corvallis and community areas. We need this again.	Mar 12, 2012 4:05 PM
441	This is an important local issue.	Mar 12, 2012 4:02 PM
442	I think the ban is a great idea! It will foster creative solutions. The co-op has explored lending out bags and provides used boxes as alternatives. Perhaps these ideas could be further developed.	Mar 12, 2012 3:57 PM
443	We prefer Option 1--the ban. Option 2 is better than nothing.	Mar 12, 2012 2:58 PM
444	Plastic bags are a great convenience. The pollution and recycling problem could be resolved by placing a recycling value on each bag similar to pop bottles. Even	Mar 12, 2012 2:48 PM

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	at 2 cents per bag people would keep better track of their bags and redeem them just as they do pop bottles.	
445	People need education and encouragement to change long-practiced habits. Community leaders have the duty to bring citizens' practices forward for the good of all and for our collective future.	Mar 12, 2012 2:41 PM
446	I am strongly in favor of banning plastic bags	Mar 12, 2012 2:36 PM
447	Recycle of plastics bags is very, very easy.	Mar 12, 2012 2:25 PM
448	DO NOT BAN PLASTIC BAGS. Have you ever had milk leak due to a defective carton? It is a mess in a plastic bag, in a paper bag it would be a mess in the car as well.	Mar 12, 2012 2:20 PM
449	This is not the cities business. Fix all the damn pot holes.	Mar 12, 2012 2:18 PM
450	This will hurt a lot more local businesses than you think.	Mar 12, 2012 2:11 PM
451	Lets ban single use bags in our city and remove the blight form the roads and streams. I am tired of picking up these bags in my neighborhood.	Mar 12, 2012 2:06 PM
452	I am "neutral" on a ban and lean toward supporting it (if it were initiated I'd support it). I personally reuse plastic bags for trash or other things and recycle. Something should be done about retailers using far more bags than needed and educating residents that an individual bag is not needed for every damn individual item we purchase.	Mar 12, 2012 1:54 PM
453	I AM SO SICK AND TIRED OF THE GREEN MOVEMENT.	Mar 12, 2012 1:46 PM
454	Ban plastic bags at check out! I understand needing them for bulk/produce, but no need to use for check out. Provide education about reusable bags to counteract the plastic-industry sponsored ads that say cloth/reusable bags are dangerous.	Mar 12, 2012 1:31 PM
455	Thank you for taking up this issue. Please emphasis reducing, then, reusing, then recycling. As we do the first things, the later things become less necessary.	Mar 12, 2012 1:18 PM
456	I am concerned for people who cannot afford to get alternative bags and/or carry them around..homeless people.older people who may not be able to embrace change..etc.	Mar 12, 2012 1:18 PM
457	We visited Kauai this winter and found that retailers now only use paper bags ... all apparently purchased from the same vendor, as the same "reuse, recycle" message is printed on all paper bags.	Mar 12, 2012 1:00 PM
458	let the market decide	Mar 12, 2012 12:49 PM
459	If people are worried about the extra cost, why not off set the bag charge with a reduction in local sales tax or some similar policy action to achieve budget neutrality. Plastic bag usage should decrease. Has anybody asked a) what is the current level of bag usage and b) what level do we want to get to? Why not charge \$1 per bag and offset with a comparable tax decrease?	Mar 12, 2012 11:51 AM

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460	A survey sent to sustainable groups isn't exactly a city wide view. Many people don't even think of such things. That said I guess you can say someone has to be thinking of such things.	Mar 12, 2012 11:16 AM
461	They're not (all) being recycled and end up as debris on our land and in our water as trash and litter. So recycling is not very effective as evidenced by all the plastic debris I see.	Mar 12, 2012 10:57 AM
462	Have you done research on who the biggest users of plastic bags are? I'd be curious to know the stats. Seems really easy to just eliminate the choice of plastic.	Mar 12, 2012 10:29 AM
463	I really would like to see plastic bag ban as they are a blight on our landscape.	Mar 12, 2012 10:26 AM
464	I'm glad we are working on this! It's so easy to ignore the problem.	Mar 12, 2012 10:21 AM
465	We can do without plastic bags.	Mar 12, 2012 10:05 AM
466	We have to get out of denial and accept that we can't go on as we are.	Mar 12, 2012 10:02 AM
467	Stop wasting the city staff time on this silliness!	Mar 12, 2012 9:42 AM
468	people just need something to carry out their groceries, it does not NEED to be plastic, it should be an easy switch to educate this population	Mar 12, 2012 9:41 AM
469	Keys: 1) Let people know 2) Make it easy	Mar 12, 2012 9:32 AM
470	Even if all of us were educated, convinced of the value of plastic bags, and well-intentioned, bags would still end up in oceans and landfill. We need a ban to help us be successful.	Mar 12, 2012 9:28 AM
471	This is not an area where city government should be involved. Fees or restrictions are not going to be that big of a deal for the Safeway-type stores but it could have a big impact on the small business owner. Please just leave well enough alone.	Mar 12, 2012 9:05 AM
472	Please push for a ban. We will adapt to the change and we will be better for it:)	Mar 12, 2012 8:55 AM
473	It is good that we are thinking about this problem.	Mar 12, 2012 8:55 AM
474	See Ashland Co-op for their model. They haven't banned bags, but they do charge a fee. You can learn about their experience with charging a fee.	Mar 12, 2012 8:34 AM
475	Please don't put Corvallis retailers at a further disadvantage by charging a fee for bag usage. You're going to force even more people to go to albany for their shopping.	Mar 12, 2012 8:31 AM
476	I am fully in favor of banning plastic bags in Corvallis. It seems as though this is an important move for a community that values sustainability.	Mar 12, 2012 8:15 AM
477	we got along for a long time before plastic bags, we can do it again. this is a no brainer.	Mar 12, 2012 6:58 AM
478	I think that banning plastic bags and requiring a fee for paper bags is an	Mar 12, 2012 6:23 AM

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	excellent idea!	
479	You could also have a place where people with extra bags can drop off cloth bags for others to pick up and use. I have tons and tons from conferences and other things.	Mar 12, 2012 5:25 AM
480	In support of bag ban	Mar 12, 2012 12:50 AM
481	A ban would be effective and it is not a large inconvenience.. I was in Kauai when the plastic bag ban started and it was not traumatic.	Mar 12, 2012 12:46 AM
482	I would like to see a plastic bag ban, accompanied by a styrofoam ban as well. I think that it would be important to accompany such a ban with an education campaign, along with incentives or perks to customers for making the switch (e.g. free or inexpensive re-usable cloth bags that are machine washable given away or sold for cheap at the beginning of the switch). There are likely people in our community who will not understand the need for the switch, or the inconvenience, and it is important to let them know why the switch is good for them AND the environment.	Mar 11, 2012 10:55 PM
483	moving to paper + small fee would be adequate, shops providing (free) cloth bags during promotions seems popular, always see the dex bags around.	Mar 11, 2012 9:29 PM
484	I do not think this is an issue for city government. Reduction in the use of plastic carry-out bags should be a choice people make through education and free-will.	Mar 11, 2012 6:50 PM
485	You really need to differentiate between different types of bags. The lightest weight ones used for fruit and vegetables, also the GT, are generally not disposed of in the same way I reuse and dispose of heavier weight bags designed to carry multiple groceries. Perhaps you should have described the type of plastic bag in the front part of this survey you want us to address.	Mar 11, 2012 5:40 PM
486	If there were compostable bags, wouldn't this solve things?	Mar 11, 2012 5:01 PM
487	I don't see plastic bags as being a major issue in Corvallis. I'm tired of the 'chosen few' in this city continuously trying to force their agenda on the rest of us. If plastic bags are that big of a deal, then put something on the ballot where all who shop in our local stores and use plastic bags can vote on it.	Mar 11, 2012 1:20 PM
488	On top of the fee, one solution would be to require every retailer to place their name on their plastic bags--good advertising it would seem. But here is th the catch. You then fine the retailer \$10 per bag for any bags found as litter crews.	Mar 11, 2012 12:18 PM
489	The whole debate about plastic bags tortures me because although I KNOW they are ingested by sea animals who die as a result, I have also seen what plastic is in the sea, and its content is much more hard plastic remnants than it is plastic bags. I believe we NEED to also recycle every kind of plastic there is, or we will continue to create problems in the natural world.	Mar 11, 2012 11:56 AM
490	My New Year's resolution was to stop taking new plastic bags and I've been about 90% successful. I stock clean, used bags in my grocery cloth bags or boxes so I can reuse them when purchasing produce. I never take the single use bags at stores, opting to bring a cloth or string bag in from the car or just carry	Mar 11, 2012 10:49 AM

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	the items back to the car in my hands.	
491	This poll shows that the City is not serious about doing something about the problem that single-use plastic poses to our oceans and future generations. The poll is biased toward recycling, and does little to help us understand the reason why banning plastic bags are vitally important.	Mar 11, 2012 10:17 AM
492	GET RID OF THEM! and the other plastic wraps etc.	Mar 11, 2012 9:49 AM
493	If bags are banned what will be used for pet waste in dog parks?	Mar 11, 2012 9:24 AM
494	Some thoughts on messages to talk back to local detractors: * We are getting played by the chemical companies that make plastic bags. Our streets get messed up by plastic, and our rivers get choked up just so that they can continue to sell a product. These companies are infringing on our freedoms by making us all bear the cost of plastic pollution. * There is no new cost for anyone who doesn't like the fee--the plastic bag fee would simply be a tool to help us get better at remembering to bring our reusable bags. * Not that much needs to change--we just need to practice remembering to bring reusable bags. Those who call remembering to bring reusable bags onerous must think we're stupid. It's easy!	Mar 11, 2012 8:14 AM
495	The folks against banning the bag are very clever with their BAG the BAN! slogan but it is so short sighted. I also worry about outside monied interest entering the discussion locally. We all know money talks.	Mar 11, 2012 5:54 AM
496	I applaud the effort to get rid of plastic bags. We live in France part of the year and already some of the big supermarkets no longer provide plastic bags. People are bringing their own bags to the market.	Mar 11, 2012 3:08 AM
497	I don't think banning plastic bags alone will really do much for the overall environmental problem but it might put some pressure on the manufacturers to make more progress toward biodegradable and compostable bags. If Hilex-Poly really wants us to recycle, why don't they put some money towards making that happen in Corvallis? I might take them more seriously if they put all their money to some constructive use instead of just being obstructionist. Why don't they work harder to come up with an alternative to plastic made from fossil fuels? Because they don't have to. Well, let's put some pressure on them as consumers!	Mar 11, 2012 12:36 AM
498	I agree with the city council goal of reducing plastic bag use. The pollution caused by plastic bag litter is very damaging to wildlife and the environment, and a costly nuisance for the comingled recycling machinery.	Mar 10, 2012 11:19 PM
499	we can do this	Mar 10, 2012 9:00 PM
500	Thank you for this survey. I HOPE it is a honest survey that Corvallis will not undermine. I have used cloth bags for over 30 years. I will continue to do so. I am 74 years old and using cloth bags is has no negative realities.	Mar 10, 2012 8:19 PM
501	There are a lot of things I'd like to ban. Let's get busy with the bans. Ban, ban, ban. What fun we will have. I'll ban you and you ban me.	Mar 10, 2012 7:11 PM

Page 2, Q12. Additional comments you would like to provide.

502	I'd like to see a charge on plastic bags if they are not banned. I don't wish to see a charge on paper.	Mar 10, 2012 5:21 PM
503	Please extend recycling options	Mar 10, 2012 4:28 PM
504	I would like to see some statistics about the outcomes of depositing beans at the Co-op when I use my own bag. People might like to see exactly what their effort is producing. If we ban plastic bags, does that mean no more beans to donate to local causes?	Mar 10, 2012 3:58 PM
505	We ae 100% in our house. One members maintains that plastic bags are useful and that depriving us of them would be an intrusion into our lives.	Mar 10, 2012 3:45 PM
506	In our educational efforts, we need to focus more attention on the life-cycle costs of using plastic bags (i.e., in addition to the waste-related problems caused by plastic bags, we should be reminded that plastic comes from oil, a finite resource). Many thanks to the City staff for doing an outstanding job of exploring the possibilities for the Corvallis community to minimize our use and disposal of plastic bags.	Mar 10, 2012 3:42 PM
507	Plastic is too easy to use; it will take drastic action to reduce their use.	Mar 10, 2012 2:39 PM
508	How would the ordinance apply to thrift stores that use only donated "second-hand" bags, currently both plastic and paper?	Mar 10, 2012 2:10 PM
509	I reuse or recycle and having no plastic bags would add to household costs as I recycle trash in them.	Mar 10, 2012 2:05 PM
510	I would like there to be an option to help low income families - not sure what, but this can be quite a burden even if it only seems like a few cents to us.	Mar 10, 2012 2:02 PM
511	I use them as garbage bags.	Mar 10, 2012 1:14 PM
512	We are so used to plastic bags now that this could be a difficult transition, but we haven't always had them. I'm sure people could get used to just paper again, or, even better, bringing their own.	Mar 10, 2012 12:39 PM
513	Plastic grocery bags are an insignificant portion of the plastic waste in the ocean. Please check the facts. Most of the ocean garbage is from other sources. This "banning" idea does not address how plastics are getting into our water systems, ie litter. This is another feel good law without any merit.	Mar 10, 2012 11:53 AM
514	I support this action. I went to Hawaii and they have done this there, I was very impressed. All you can get is paper bags.	Mar 10, 2012 11:18 AM
515	Recycling is a bit confusing. One does not know what and what not to recycle.	Mar 10, 2012 11:06 AM
516	I reuse my plastic bags as garbage bags so I'm buying less plastic to hold gross stuff like diapers or dog poop or when my kids puke in the car. I think it would be a gross misuse of power for the city to interfere in our lives so much that plastic bags are banned. Let the consumer or the store decide not the city. I have no problem with a store not providing bags like the co-op but it makes me very angry that the city would consider mandating this. This is about personal freedom and not having government in every tiny aspect of my life.	Mar 10, 2012 11:05 AM

Page 2, Q12. Additional comments you would like to provide.

517	I use my plastic bags for doggie cleanup! Other than that, I support a ban on them (if I can still get those bags at the parks)	Mar 10, 2012 8:52 AM
518	paper bags are useful to me	Mar 10, 2012 7:51 AM
519	Ban the bag	Mar 10, 2012 6:11 AM
520	This is, imho, mostly just a bunch of enviro-nuts pushing a nearly unimportant agenda. Yeah, I'd do it if easy, but I just don't see the problem, really.	Mar 10, 2012 12:40 AM
521	This is a great start. Hopefully the bill will pass to ban all plastic bags, not just those at check-out. It drives me nuts to see people mindlessly putting things like bananas in the smaller plastic bags.	Mar 10, 2012 12:36 AM
522	Plastic bags are often very convenient. However, that does not make them good. Plastic bags are strong, can be harmful to wildlife, and they do not disintegrate. I would like to see them banned in Corvallis, and even Benton County.	Mar 10, 2012 12:11 AM
523	This is a very poor survey - do not like the options presented, there are more options and we should be give a choice of them. This is too simplified so I do not like it!!!!	Mar 9, 2012 11:57 PM
524	Banning plastic bags is a good idea. Berkeley did it years ago, and no on missed them.	Mar 9, 2012 11:08 PM
525	It seems to me that other cities have been working on this problem. Since many of them, like Portland have a larger population than we do, what did they decide? It would be good to talk to larger more experienced cities before deciding.	Mar 9, 2012 9:50 PM
526	it's a silly issue and a waste of time. We have other, more important issues to face	Mar 9, 2012 9:00 PM
527	Let the shoppers decide how they want their groceries carried, not the City council!	Mar 9, 2012 6:32 PM
528	When it comes to the thinner bags that are causing myriad environmental problems, we should not be talking about recycling. We need to reduce or eliminate their role in commerce so that they don't need to be recycled and we don't waste the petroleum and other resources on them in the first place.	Mar 9, 2012 5:59 PM

Attachment G: Retailer Survey Results

Responses to City of Corvallis Retailer Plastic Bag Survey

Received from March 12 through April 7, 2012

1. What type of retail store do you operate?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Grocery store <input type="checkbox"/>	5.6%	4
Department store	0.0%	0
Convenience store	0.0%	0
Hardware/home improvement <input type="checkbox"/>	1.4%	1
Bakery <input type="checkbox"/>	1.4%	1
Restaurant <input type="checkbox"/>	8.3%	6
Clothing <input type="checkbox"/>	6.9%	5
Specialty <input type="checkbox"/>	23.6%	17
Other (please specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	52.8%	38
answered question		72
skipped question		2

2. How many full-time employee equivalents (FTEs) does your Corvallis store(s) employ?

	Response Count
	72
answered question	72
skipped question	2

**3. What types of carry-out bags do you currently offer to your customers at checkout?
(select all that apply)**

		Response Percent	Response Count
Plastic	<input type="checkbox"/>	56.9%	41
Paper	<input type="checkbox"/>	44.4%	32
None	<input type="checkbox"/>	15.3%	11
Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	23.6%	17
answered question			72
skipped question			2

4. Do your employees ask customers whether they would like a carry-out bag?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	69.1%	47
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	30.9%	21
answered question			68
skipped question			6

5. What percentage of your customers decline a carry-out bag?

	Response Count
	58
answered question	58
skipped question	16

6. What thickness in millimeters (mils) are the plastic carry-out bags you provide to customers at checkout? (select all that apply)

	Response Percent	Response Count
0-1.0 mils <input type="checkbox"/>	14.7%	10
1.1-2.0 mils <input type="checkbox"/>	5.9%	4
2.1-2.24 mils <input type="checkbox"/>	2.9%	2
2.25+ mils <input type="checkbox"/>	5.9%	4
Don't know <input type="checkbox"/>	35.3%	24
Don't offer plastic bags <input type="checkbox"/>	42.6%	29
	answered question	68
	skipped question	6

7. Approximately how many plastic carry-out bags does your store provide to customers in a year?

	Response Count
	65
	answered question 65
	skipped question 9

8. Please provide your opinion on options to reduce the use of single use plastic carry-out bags.

	In favor	Neutral	Not in favor	Response Count
Option 1 - Ban single use plastic carry-out bags, and place a fee, kept by the retailer, on paper bags.	29.2% (21)	8.3% (6)	62.5% (45)	72
Option 2 - A fee, kept by the retailer, on both paper and plastic carry-out bags. (No ban on plastic bags)	8.8% (6)	26.5% (18)	64.7% (44)	68
Option 3 - Voluntary education of and by retailers to encourage the use of reusable bags.	67.6% (46)	19.1% (13)	13.2% (9)	68
Option 4 - No action.	45.6% (26)	22.8% (13)	31.6% (18)	57
			Comment	22
			answered question	73
			skipped question	1

9. If plastic carry-out bags are banned and a fee, kept by the retailer, is placed on paper bags, do you foresee any barriers to your store complying?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes (please explain)		43.1%	28
No (please explain)		61.5%	40
		answered question	65
		skipped question	9

10. If plastic carry-out bags are banned, describe any impacts to your business.

	Response Count
	60
answered question	60
skipped question	14

11. In your opinion, what fee amount per bag would reduce the use of single-use carry-out bags?

	Response Percent	Response Count
5 cents <input type="checkbox"/>	21.4%	15
10 cents <input type="checkbox"/>	12.9%	9
15 cents <input type="checkbox"/>	2.9%	2
20 cents <input type="checkbox"/>	0.0%	0
25 cents <input type="checkbox"/>	28.6%	20
Other (please specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	34.3%	24
answered question		70
skipped question		4

12. If Corvallis requires a fee, kept by the retailer, on carry-out bags, should businesses with less than 25 full-time equivalent employees (FTEs) be exempted?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	47.1%	33
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	52.9%	37
	Comment		16
	answered question		70
	skipped question		4

13. Does your store take back plastic bags for recycling?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	37.1%	26
No	<input type="checkbox"/>	62.9%	44
	answered question		70
	skipped question		4

14. If your store does not take back plastic bags for recycling, why?

		Response Percent	Response Count
Never thought about it	<input type="checkbox"/>	22.2%	10
Don't know how	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.2%	1
Don't have the resources	<input type="checkbox"/>	13.3%	6
Don't want to	<input type="checkbox"/>	2.2%	1
Other (please specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>	60.0%	27
answered question			45
skipped question			29

15. Additional comments you would like to provide.

	Response Count
	32
answered question	32
skipped question	42

Page 2, Q1. What type of retail store do you operate?

1	Beauty	Apr 3, 2012 5:20 PM
2	Service, not retail provided.	Apr 3, 2012 3:54 PM
3	Farmer's Market seasonal plants	Mar 14, 2012 7:35 PM
4	Faarmers Market booth	Mar 14, 2012 9:09 AM
5	Delivery service	Mar 14, 2012 8:41 AM
6	Farmers market vendor	Mar 13, 2012 7:53 PM
7	farmers market vendor	Mar 13, 2012 4:44 PM
8	Farmers' market stand, farm stand	Mar 13, 2012 2:54 PM
9	Retail	Mar 13, 2012 2:25 PM
10	Farm Booth	Mar 13, 2012 12:07 PM
11	Produce	Mar 13, 2012 12:04 PM
12	Financial Services	Mar 13, 2012 11:09 AM
13	retail non perishable health food store	Mar 13, 2012 10:21 AM
14	Church	Mar 13, 2012 9:21 AM
15	Copy Center	Mar 13, 2012 9:18 AM
16	farm	Mar 13, 2012 8:13 AM
17	nursery	Mar 13, 2012 8:09 AM
18	Children's Resale	Mar 13, 2012 12:10 AM
19	Farmers Market	Mar 12, 2012 11:48 PM
20	Farmer's Market vendor	Mar 12, 2012 10:41 PM
21	Farmer's Market Stand	Mar 12, 2012 9:25 PM
22	farmers' market booth	Mar 12, 2012 9:00 PM
23	farmer market	Mar 12, 2012 8:50 PM
24	Home Furnishings	Mar 12, 2012 7:47 PM
25	Farmer's Market vendor	Mar 12, 2012 7:26 PM
26	U-pick farm	Mar 12, 2012 7:19 PM
27	farmers market booth	Mar 12, 2012 7:17 PM

Page 2, Q1. What type of retail store do you operate?

28	Farmers Market	Mar 12, 2012 7:04 PM
29	Farmers' market retail	Mar 12, 2012 6:29 PM
30	farmers market vendor	Mar 12, 2012 6:17 PM
31	Non-profit thrift shop	Mar 12, 2012 4:02 PM
32	pharmacy	Mar 12, 2012 3:51 PM
33	Thrift Shop	Mar 12, 2012 3:03 PM
34	Agricultural supplies	Mar 12, 2012 2:37 PM
35	Retail coffee and tea store	Mar 12, 2012 12:58 PM
36	Cell Phone	Mar 12, 2012 12:41 PM
37	Home Business	Mar 12, 2012 12:40 PM
38	Pedicab service (bike taxi, tours, etc.)	Mar 12, 2012 12:16 PM

Page 2, Q2. How many full-time employee equivalents (FTEs) does your Corvallis store(s) employ?

1	4	Apr 3, 2012 5:20 PM
2	1	Apr 3, 2012 4:24 PM
3	1.	Apr 3, 2012 3:54 PM
4	4	Mar 30, 2012 9:57 AM
5	10	Mar 19, 2012 5:34 PM
6	0	Mar 19, 2012 9:42 AM
7	30	Mar 16, 2012 10:24 AM
8	80	Mar 16, 2012 10:20 AM
9	5	Mar 15, 2012 4:15 PM
10	65	Mar 15, 2012 12:33 PM
11	02	Mar 14, 2012 9:00 PM
12	self and a friend	Mar 14, 2012 7:35 PM
13	15	Mar 14, 2012 4:31 PM
14	6	Mar 14, 2012 3:53 PM
15	12	Mar 14, 2012 2:31 PM
16	0	Mar 14, 2012 9:09 AM
17	1	Mar 14, 2012 8:41 AM
18	3	Mar 13, 2012 9:58 PM
19	1	Mar 13, 2012 7:53 PM
20	15	Mar 13, 2012 6:24 PM
21	0	Mar 13, 2012 4:44 PM
22	1	Mar 13, 2012 2:54 PM
23	10	Mar 13, 2012 2:25 PM
24	5	Mar 13, 2012 12:07 PM
25	2	Mar 13, 2012 12:04 PM
26	1	Mar 13, 2012 11:09 AM
27	4	Mar 13, 2012 10:21 AM

Page 2, Q2. How many full-time employee equivalents (FTEs) does your Corvallis store(s) employ?

28	N/A	Mar 13, 2012 9:21 AM
29	9	Mar 13, 2012 9:18 AM
30	12	Mar 13, 2012 8:47 AM
31	2	Mar 13, 2012 8:13 AM
32	2	Mar 13, 2012 8:09 AM
33	0	Mar 13, 2012 12:10 AM
34	2	Mar 12, 2012 11:48 PM
35	12	Mar 12, 2012 11:26 PM
36	2	Mar 12, 2012 10:41 PM
37	Seasonally 3	Mar 12, 2012 9:25 PM
38	1	Mar 12, 2012 9:00 PM
39	5	Mar 12, 2012 8:50 PM
40	5	Mar 12, 2012 8:47 PM
41	1	Mar 12, 2012 8:04 PM
42	22	Mar 12, 2012 7:47 PM
43	2	Mar 12, 2012 7:26 PM
44	1	Mar 12, 2012 7:22 PM
45	0	Mar 12, 2012 7:19 PM
46	4	Mar 12, 2012 7:17 PM
47	8	Mar 12, 2012 7:04 PM
48	2	Mar 12, 2012 6:29 PM
49	0	Mar 12, 2012 6:17 PM
50	2	Mar 12, 2012 6:03 PM
51	1	Mar 12, 2012 5:54 PM
52	20	Mar 12, 2012 5:29 PM
53	15	Mar 12, 2012 4:56 PM
54	13	Mar 12, 2012 4:26 PM

Page 2, Q2. How many full-time employee equivalents (FTEs) does your Corvallis store(s) employ?

55	We have about 100 volunteers, probably the equivalent of 11 FTEs	Mar 12, 2012 4:02 PM
56	10	Mar 12, 2012 3:51 PM
57	0 (all volunteers)	Mar 12, 2012 3:03 PM
58	11	Mar 12, 2012 2:58 PM
59	1	Mar 12, 2012 2:45 PM
60	5	Mar 12, 2012 2:37 PM
61	4	Mar 12, 2012 2:22 PM
62	13	Mar 12, 2012 2:16 PM
63	20	Mar 12, 2012 2:03 PM
64	85	Mar 12, 2012 1:55 PM
65	10	Mar 12, 2012 1:18 PM
66	3	Mar 12, 2012 1:09 PM
67	1.5	Mar 12, 2012 12:58 PM
68	1	Mar 12, 2012 12:42 PM
69	4	Mar 12, 2012 12:41 PM
70	2	Mar 12, 2012 12:40 PM
71	5	Mar 12, 2012 12:23 PM
72	1 (me)	Mar 12, 2012 12:16 PM

Page 2, Q3. What types of carry-out bags do you currently offer to your customers at checkout? (select all that apply)

1	cardboard boxes	Mar 16, 2012 10:20 AM
2	Reused from the stores	Mar 14, 2012 7:35 PM
3	Cardboard Boxes	Mar 13, 2012 6:24 PM
4	biodegradable	Mar 13, 2012 2:25 PM
5	insulated	Mar 13, 2012 12:07 PM
6	we also use recyclable tote bags for large orders	Mar 13, 2012 10:21 AM
7	N/A	Mar 13, 2012 9:21 AM
8	carboard boxes	Mar 13, 2012 8:09 AM
9	fabric	Mar 12, 2012 8:50 PM
10	I recycle what I get from other stores.	Mar 12, 2012 8:04 PM
11	wrap in paper	Mar 12, 2012 7:22 PM
12	I encourage people to bring containers, but supply plastic bags or boxes if they need them.	Mar 12, 2012 7:19 PM
13	Natural Cello	Mar 12, 2012 5:54 PM
14	Plastic & Paper, but they're all re-used bags. All our bags are customer-donated	Mar 12, 2012 4:02 PM
15	all bags are donated, so some are from other stores	Mar 12, 2012 3:03 PM
16	We offer used bags, boxes and also cloth bags that we allow people to borrow. We encourage people to bring their own or not to use one at all.	Mar 12, 2012 1:55 PM
17	Box for large orders, otherwise none	Mar 12, 2012 12:40 PM

Page 2, Q5. What percentage of your customers decline a carry-out bag?

1	not many decline	Apr 3, 2012 5:20 PM
2	90	Apr 3, 2012 4:24 PM
3	95%	Mar 30, 2012 9:57 AM
4	75	Mar 19, 2012 5:34 PM
5	approx. 40%	Mar 19, 2012 9:42 AM
6	0	Mar 16, 2012 10:24 AM
7	95%	Mar 16, 2012 10:20 AM
8	60%	Mar 14, 2012 9:00 PM
9	60%	Mar 14, 2012 4:31 PM
10	Unknown	Mar 14, 2012 3:53 PM
11	N/A	Mar 14, 2012 2:31 PM
12	0	Mar 14, 2012 9:09 AM
13	n/a	Mar 14, 2012 8:41 AM
14	95%	Mar 13, 2012 9:58 PM
15	50	Mar 13, 2012 7:53 PM
16	N/A	Mar 13, 2012 6:24 PM
17	50	Mar 13, 2012 4:44 PM
18	5	Mar 13, 2012 2:54 PM
19	5%	Mar 13, 2012 2:25 PM
20	50	Mar 13, 2012 12:07 PM
21	40%	Mar 13, 2012 12:04 PM
22	40	Mar 13, 2012 10:21 AM
23	N/A	Mar 13, 2012 9:21 AM
24	50	Mar 13, 2012 9:18 AM
25	unknown	Mar 13, 2012 8:47 AM
26	50	Mar 13, 2012 8:13 AM
27	25%	Mar 13, 2012 8:09 AM

Page 2, Q5. What percentage of your customers decline a carry-out bag?

28	aprox. 80%	Mar 13, 2012 12:10 AM
29	50	Mar 12, 2012 11:48 PM
30	5%	Mar 12, 2012 10:41 PM
31	60%	Mar 12, 2012 9:25 PM
32	60	Mar 12, 2012 9:00 PM
33	75%	Mar 12, 2012 8:50 PM
34	25%; lower at Christmas time.	Mar 12, 2012 8:47 PM
35	About half, where items are appropriate	Mar 12, 2012 7:47 PM
36	unknown	Mar 12, 2012 7:26 PM
37	all	Mar 12, 2012 7:22 PM
38	80%	Mar 12, 2012 7:17 PM
39	10%	Mar 12, 2012 7:04 PM
40	0	Mar 12, 2012 6:29 PM
41	75	Mar 12, 2012 6:17 PM
42	10	Mar 12, 2012 5:54 PM
43	90	Mar 12, 2012 5:29 PM
44	5	Mar 12, 2012 4:56 PM
45	20	Mar 12, 2012 4:26 PM
46	30%	Mar 12, 2012 4:02 PM
47	60	Mar 12, 2012 2:58 PM
48	60%	Mar 12, 2012 2:45 PM
49	About half	Mar 12, 2012 2:22 PM
50	50%	Mar 12, 2012 2:16 PM
51	50	Mar 12, 2012 2:03 PM
52	95	Mar 12, 2012 1:55 PM
53	50 percent	Mar 12, 2012 1:09 PM
54	70% but the coffee and tea are already placed in bags.	Mar 12, 2012 12:58 PM

Page 2, Q5. What percentage of your customers decline a carry-out bag?

55	15	Mar 12, 2012 12:42 PM
56	25%	Mar 12, 2012 12:41 PM
57	none	Mar 12, 2012 12:40 PM
58	0	Mar 12, 2012 12:16 PM

Page 2, Q7. Approximately how many plastic carry-out bags does your store provide to customers in a year?

1	<100	Apr 3, 2012 5:20 PM
2	0.	Apr 3, 2012 3:54 PM
3	509	Mar 30, 2012 9:57 AM
4	250	Mar 19, 2012 5:34 PM
5	500	Mar 19, 2012 9:42 AM
6	0	Mar 16, 2012 10:24 AM
7	0	Mar 16, 2012 10:20 AM
8	0	Mar 15, 2012 4:15 PM
9	70,000	Mar 15, 2012 12:33 PM
10	5,000	Mar 14, 2012 9:00 PM
11	50	Mar 14, 2012 7:35 PM
12	100	Mar 14, 2012 4:31 PM
13	None	Mar 14, 2012 3:53 PM
14	N/A	Mar 14, 2012 2:31 PM
15	1	Mar 14, 2012 9:09 AM
16	0	Mar 14, 2012 8:41 AM
17	none	Mar 13, 2012 9:58 PM
18	500	Mar 13, 2012 7:53 PM
19	500,000	Mar 13, 2012 6:24 PM
20	200	Mar 13, 2012 4:44 PM
21	0	Mar 13, 2012 2:54 PM
22	20,000	Mar 13, 2012 2:25 PM
23	500	Mar 13, 2012 12:07 PM
24	3 cases	Mar 13, 2012 12:04 PM
25	0	Mar 13, 2012 11:09 AM
26	0	Mar 13, 2012 9:21 AM
27	n/a	Mar 13, 2012 9:18 AM

Page 2, Q7. Approximately how many plastic carry-out bags does your store provide to customers in a year?

28	none	Mar 13, 2012 8:47 AM
29	0	Mar 13, 2012 8:13 AM
30	0	Mar 13, 2012 8:09 AM
31	500 to 600	Mar 13, 2012 12:10 AM
32	4000	Mar 12, 2012 11:48 PM
33	1500	Mar 12, 2012 11:26 PM
34	60	Mar 12, 2012 10:41 PM
35	NA	Mar 12, 2012 9:25 PM
36	not sure	Mar 12, 2012 9:00 PM
37	dont understand question	Mar 12, 2012 8:50 PM
38	I don't know.	Mar 12, 2012 8:47 PM
39	750 20"x25", plus 1200 reused larger 3'x7' plastic covers	Mar 12, 2012 7:47 PM
40	200	Mar 12, 2012 7:26 PM
41	0	Mar 12, 2012 7:22 PM
42	100	Mar 12, 2012 7:19 PM
43	3000	Mar 12, 2012 7:17 PM
44	5000	Mar 12, 2012 7:04 PM
45	50	Mar 12, 2012 6:29 PM
46	>500	Mar 12, 2012 6:17 PM
47	0	Mar 12, 2012 6:03 PM
48	100	Mar 12, 2012 5:54 PM
49	1000	Mar 12, 2012 5:29 PM
50	3000	Mar 12, 2012 4:56 PM
51	0	Mar 12, 2012 4:26 PM
52	Hard to say	Mar 12, 2012 4:02 PM
53	no idea...	Mar 12, 2012 2:58 PM
54	2000	Mar 12, 2012 2:45 PM

Page 2, Q7. Approximately how many plastic carry-out bags does your store provide to customers in a year?

55	100+	Mar 12, 2012 2:22 PM
56	0	Mar 12, 2012 2:16 PM
57	Zero	Mar 12, 2012 1:55 PM
58	2000	Mar 12, 2012 1:18 PM
59	1,000	Mar 12, 2012 1:09 PM
60	1,000	Mar 12, 2012 12:58 PM
61	1700	Mar 12, 2012 12:42 PM
62	1000	Mar 12, 2012 12:41 PM
63	none	Mar 12, 2012 12:40 PM
64	0	Mar 12, 2012 12:23 PM
65	0	Mar 12, 2012 12:16 PM

Page 2, Q8. Please provide your opinion on options to reduce the use of single use plastic carry-out bags.

1	Does there have to be a fee on paper bags?	Mar 30, 2012 9:57 AM
2	The definition of "single-use" is extremely important in this discussion. Our plastic bags (which are 1.75 mils and above) are effectively used as a reusable bag by our customers.	Mar 15, 2012 12:33 PM
3	Please see my answer to #9 NO FEES!	Mar 14, 2012 3:53 PM
4	Let people make their own decisions! Keep Government out of this issue!	Mar 14, 2012 2:31 PM
5	need ban on plastic and education	Mar 14, 2012 9:09 AM
6	We sell fresh chicken, and this has a chance of leaking juices if not double-bagged, so we use t-shirt bags to keep customers' cloth bags and cars clean. Paper bags are impractical with a damp product.	Mar 13, 2012 7:53 PM
7	Many of our customers reuse the 'supposedly single use' plastic bags	Mar 13, 2012 12:04 PM
8	Not in favor of more charges, but do encourage education and voluntary use	Mar 13, 2012 10:21 AM
9	If they are banned, we will use fabric bags	Mar 13, 2012 12:10 AM
10	Your time needs to be spent on more productive projects and not "special" interests	Mar 12, 2012 11:26 PM
11	The plastic and paper bags we use are recycled from our own groceries and other goods.	Mar 12, 2012 10:41 PM
12	Anything to prevent plastic bag consumption	Mar 12, 2012 9:25 PM
13	Many national chains sell most produce now in plastic shells or clam shells which are much thicker plastic than carry bags. If we drive any customers away from buying bulk produce because of the bag issue, and they buy produce in shells, more plastic will be used, not less.	Mar 12, 2012 7:17 PM
14	All grocery stores have recycle bins. It is the inconsiderate idiots who do not dispose of these bags that are at fault -- not the bags. Leave things as they are and increase the fines.	Mar 12, 2012 6:29 PM
15	These are not single use bags, I use them several times.	Mar 12, 2012 6:23 PM
16	Bags are a problem. Liter is everywhere. Supermarket and Fast food bags are the problem Esp. Fast food. I pick them up everywhere, downtown, out of town...everywhere. Tax and ban them!	Mar 12, 2012 4:26 PM
17	Re-used bags should be exempted from any fee/ban	Mar 12, 2012 4:02 PM
18	As this is an issue that will likely be handled at either a state, or federal level I think that doing something at the city level is only going to cause confusion	Mar 12, 2012 2:58 PM
19	I do not see the need for government involvement. Customers want bags (of some sort) to carry items; businesses want to minimize expense. Businesses could encourage the use of reusable bags through incentive (incentives created by the business).	Mar 12, 2012 2:37 PM

Page 2, Q8. Please provide your opinion on options to reduce the use of single use plastic carry-out bags.

20	Corvallis is smart enough for each person to choose the right thing themselves. We do not need to dictate!	Mar 12, 2012 2:03 PM
21	Cutting down trees to make more paper bags is equally as offensive as the use of plastic bags in my opinion.	Mar 12, 2012 12:40 PM
22	Despite my business not carrying plastic bags, this is a very important issue to me for the long-term health of our environment.	Mar 12, 2012 12:16 PM

Page 2, Q9. If plastic carry-out bags are banned and a fee, kept by the retailer, is placed on paper bags, do you foresee any barriers to your store complying?

Yes (please explain)		
1	The fee	Apr 3, 2012 5:20 PM
2	Depends on the fee, we would most likely stop providing bags all together.	Mar 30, 2012 9:57 AM
4	I pay about 2.7¢ per bag, and it's written into my retail price. Why should my customer now pay a fee ontop of that.	Mar 16, 2012 10:24 AM
7	Paper bags are not effective in Oregon weather for purchases made in a pedestrian environment.	Mar 15, 2012 12:33 PM
9	we have no means to keep track	Mar 14, 2012 7:35 PM
10	bookkeeping issues	Mar 14, 2012 4:31 PM
12	I don't like either ideal	Mar 14, 2012 2:31 PM
16	Yes. Our customers dont really buy into the idea of reusable packaging that comes into contact with raw meat because it's too hard to keep sanitary	Mar 13, 2012 7:53 PM
20	Products will be ruined. Too much rain here!	Mar 13, 2012 2:25 PM
21	Less sales as we are usually impulse bought	Mar 13, 2012 12:07 PM
22	Paper bags are heavy, take room, are cumbersome to store, display for use and will require more trees to be cut down	Mar 13, 2012 12:04 PM
27	I don't think people should be charged for bags... I think it will make them mad.	Mar 13, 2012 8:47 AM
31	Heavy awkward produce in the rain	Mar 12, 2012 11:48 PM
32	Your placing an unfair cost upon the consumer in a terrible retail climate	Mar 12, 2012 11:26 PM
35	I don't like the idea of a fee.	Mar 12, 2012 9:00 PM
37	We will comply but will not be happy about doing so. Plastic bags have handles and are a reasonably priced option. Paper bags with handles are expensive and will increase our prices. We already struggle with competition from the internet who doesn't have the overhead costs a brick & mortar does.	Mar 12, 2012 8:47 PM
39	large paper bags are not available in sizes to fit many of our items, we use 1.5' x 3' and larger bags such as clear plastic 45 gal trash bags, and reused plastic mattress sacks.	Mar 12, 2012 7:47 PM
40	I should be able to choose	Mar 12, 2012 7:26 PM
43	Each transaction will be slowed down, which in our setting will mean longer lines and some people walking away.	Mar 12, 2012 7:17 PM
44	I do not see how we could instigate a fee in our instance.	Mar 12, 2012 6:29 PM
48	Paper bags are expensive and people don't bring bags to restaurants	Mar 12, 2012 5:29 PM

Page 2, Q9. If plastic carry-out bags are banned and a fee, kept by the retailer, is placed on paper bags, do you foresee any barriers to your store complying?

49	Nature of some merchandise doesn't lend itself to paper. High value things are protected in weather better in plastic	Mar 12, 2012 4:56 PM
51	Re-used bags need to be exempted	Mar 12, 2012 4:02 PM
52	workers are volunteers, customers are usually low-income and very price conscious.	Mar 12, 2012 3:03 PM
53	most of our customers would choose not to use a bag at all	Mar 12, 2012 2:58 PM
55	We'll fight it.	Mar 12, 2012 2:22 PM
62	I would not want to charge customers a fee. Also I currently have over 2000 bags in stock.	Mar 12, 2012 12:41 PM
65	n/a	Mar 12, 2012 12:16 PM
No (please explain)		
2	Banning plastic bags wouldn't create much of an issue for us, most of our clientele are students who usually come in yhe backpacks and can easily carry out their purchases with thr backpack.	Mar 30, 2012 9:57 AM
3	I use a computerized point-of-sale system so adding/collecting/tracking a fee shouldn't be a problem	Mar 19, 2012 5:34 PM
5	No	Mar 16, 2012 10:20 AM
6	X	Mar 15, 2012 4:15 PM
8	we would not offer paper bags	Mar 14, 2012 9:00 PM
11	I would prefer to be able to continue to provide heavy-duty handled bags to my customers without charge.	Mar 14, 2012 3:53 PM
12	I don't like either idea!	Mar 14, 2012 2:31 PM
13	We just wont offer bags	Mar 14, 2012 9:09 AM
14	no foreseen problems	Mar 14, 2012 8:41 AM
15	It would be easy. Very few of our costomers want carry-out bags.	Mar 13, 2012 9:58 PM
17	Self-explanatory	Mar 13, 2012 6:24 PM
18	there's alway options	Mar 13, 2012 4:44 PM
19	No, plastic bags are not used by us.	Mar 13, 2012 2:54 PM
23	do not offer bags	Mar 13, 2012 11:09 AM
24	we don't offer plastic bags	Mar 13, 2012 10:21 AM

Page 2, Q9. If plastic carry-out bags are banned and a fee, kept by the retailer, is placed on paper bags, do you foresee any barriers to your store complying?

25	N/A	Mar 13, 2012 9:21 AM
26	no, would be the law so compliance is mandatory	Mar 13, 2012 9:18 AM
28	we don't use them	Mar 13, 2012 8:13 AM
29	no we don't use plastic bags	Mar 13, 2012 8:09 AM
30	no, we plan on using fabric bags	Mar 13, 2012 12:10 AM
33	We would no longer have them available to us.	Mar 12, 2012 10:41 PM
34	No, though uncertain of need for paper bag fee	Mar 12, 2012 9:25 PM
36	cost to provide cloth causes much bigger negative environmental impact	Mar 12, 2012 8:50 PM
38	I recycle anyway.	Mar 12, 2012 8:04 PM
41	no- we do not use them, we wrap sales in paper	Mar 12, 2012 7:22 PM
42	No,	Mar 12, 2012 7:19 PM
45	No barriers	Mar 12, 2012 6:17 PM
46	Its important to offer the best possible option, all things being considered.	Mar 12, 2012 6:03 PM
47	No - I would follow the new statute.	Mar 12, 2012 5:54 PM
50	No. Not an issue.	Mar 12, 2012 4:26 PM
54	we don't offer bags.	Mar 12, 2012 2:37 PM
56	no.	Mar 12, 2012 2:16 PM
57	We have never offered plastic bags and we already charge people for taking a new paper bag. This was not a problem for our business when we started the bag charge in 2009.	Mar 12, 2012 1:55 PM
58	no	Mar 12, 2012 1:18 PM
59	Not in our case. We simply ask the person if they would like a bag and if they would like a bag we then charge them the aforementioned fee and include it in the total.	Mar 12, 2012 1:09 PM
60	Assuming we can still bag our tea and coffee.	Mar 12, 2012 12:58 PM
61	nope	Mar 12, 2012 12:42 PM
63	I don't use either	Mar 12, 2012 12:40 PM
64	no	Mar 12, 2012 12:23 PM
65	n/a	Mar 12, 2012 12:16 PM

Page 2, Q10. If plastic carry-out bags are banned, describe any impacts to your business.

1	We can switch to paper at a greater cost and the additional fee would impact us greatly. We are small business and try to keep costs down.	Apr 3, 2012 5:20 PM
2	my license requires I double bag my waste...therefore if I can't get the bags, I will be out of compliance with my regulations.	Apr 3, 2012 4:24 PM
3	none.	Apr 3, 2012 3:54 PM
4	None	Mar 30, 2012 9:57 AM
5	I use a heavier weight of plastic bag for carry-out of items that might be damaged by the rain so banning the lighter-weight single use bage won't affect my business.	Mar 19, 2012 5:34 PM
6	We have already done this and there was little to no impact.	Mar 16, 2012 10:20 AM
7	Many of our customers are from outside the Corvallis area, and will react negatively to the lack of a free plastic bag to protect their purchases from the elements. Most of our customers interact with our store as pedestrians, and rather than have their purchases damaged by the elements, some will choose to instead purchase online. For these reasons and others, a plastic bag ban would make us less able to compete with non-Corvallis retail competitors, and would have a significant detrimental impact on our sales and ability to stay in business.	Mar 15, 2012 12:33 PM
8	depends on definition of plastic bags, If ALL types of plasic is bannes a very large impact as our customers would not have any options to carry items purchased	Mar 14, 2012 9:00 PM
9	Paper is preferable, but occasionally a plastic bag is nice - especially when it's very rainy and an item is delicate and water would be damaging.	Mar 14, 2012 4:31 PM
10	None - However, do NOT apply this response to my answer to questions 8 and 9. Since this question was placed between three questions in the survey that pertain to fees this question and responses to it can be interpreted in unpredictable ways by respondents. This is just poorly designed IMHO.	Mar 14, 2012 3:53 PM
11	Let people make their own decision. If they don't want to use plastic bags they they won't or they can bring their own dirty reusable bags.	Mar 14, 2012 2:31 PM
12	none	Mar 14, 2012 9:09 AM
13	none	Mar 14, 2012 8:41 AM
14	No impact.	Mar 13, 2012 9:58 PM
15	We will need to find another disposable packaging that complies with the letter of the ban	Mar 13, 2012 7:53 PM
16	Non-sustainable overhead expense based on paper bags at 5-6 times the cost of plastic.	Mar 13, 2012 6:24 PM
17	At first people might not be able to buy as much at once, only what they can carry. But after a while they'll figure out they need to bring their own bags.	Mar 13, 2012 4:44 PM

Page 2, Q10. If plastic carry-out bags are banned, describe any impacts to your business.

18	None	Mar 13, 2012 2:54 PM
19	Can we use biodegradable? Do we have to waste the bags we already have? It rains a lot here. I hate plastic but is it realistic to ask our customers to risk having their purchases ruined in the rain? Is paper any better ecologically (I don't think so)	Mar 13, 2012 2:25 PM
20	Sales decline because most folks are surprised to see us and are impulse buyers which haven't planned for a perishable product.	Mar 13, 2012 12:07 PM
21	We live in a rainy environment and the plastic bags keep our produce dry. We also sell wet produce that would fall through a paper bag. Many of our customers use bicycles for transport and plastic bags are easier to pack, haul and carry on a bike, also our customers tend to reuse (many times over) any plastic bags they get from us, both produce bags and the carryout handle bags. Charging a fee for bags is an added hassle for vendors to deal with as the charge for bags may change as the produce is being bagged causing delays in customer flow.	Mar 13, 2012 12:04 PM
22	none	Mar 13, 2012 11:09 AM
23	none	Mar 13, 2012 10:21 AM
24	None	Mar 13, 2012 9:21 AM
25	none	Mar 13, 2012 9:18 AM
26	Paper bags are very expensive, but we have started using them.	Mar 13, 2012 8:47 AM
27	none	Mar 13, 2012 8:13 AM
28	none	Mar 13, 2012 8:09 AM
29	It will make my bag sale slightly less profitable	Mar 13, 2012 12:10 AM
30	No rain no problem	Mar 12, 2012 11:48 PM
31	It's going to cost my business money. I would not pass the cost on to my customers. It's hard enough to keep repeat customers when you're competing with all the national chain restaurants in town.	Mar 12, 2012 11:26 PM
32	We would need to supply cloth bags to contain/absorb moisture from our product.	Mar 12, 2012 10:41 PM
33	Fewer items purchased negative impact to environment when fabric is thrown away at home	Mar 12, 2012 8:50 PM
34	The key to a successful business is its customers. When we create barriers to customer satisfaction, we lose customers. At the point of check out, we typically don't offer a bag if it is just a few easy-to-carry items. But, often, customers will ask any way, especially if it is raining as they don't want their items to get wet. A plastic ban is a bad idea and will certainly cost us business in an economy that is ruled by large chain and internet businesses.	Mar 12, 2012 8:47 PM

Page 2, Q10. If plastic carry-out bags are banned, describe any impacts to your business.

35	This would depend on the definition of "carry-out" bags. Most of the plastic bags we use are to protect the products customers take with them and are larger than most standard "carry-out" bags.	Mar 12, 2012 7:47 PM
36	I, and my customers, should be able to choose	Mar 12, 2012 7:26 PM
37	none	Mar 12, 2012 7:22 PM
38	Have to collect used boxes as an alternative.	Mar 12, 2012 7:19 PM
39	If they are banned in the whole city, then we probably won't lose a lot of business, but some shoppers will probably find it more convenient to shop in stores where most produce items are packed in thick plastic shells.	Mar 12, 2012 7:17 PM
40	We sell plants that are wet. Paper bags are not an option and re-usable will only get wet an dirty.	Mar 12, 2012 6:29 PM
41	Minimal	Mar 12, 2012 6:17 PM
42	None, besides having a healthier environment.	Mar 12, 2012 6:03 PM
43	What do I do with the inventory of bags on hand?	Mar 12, 2012 5:54 PM
44	I haved searched in vain for an alternative to no avail.	Mar 12, 2012 5:29 PM
45	We have about a year supply because of benefit of ordering special logo printed bags... Represents a considerable invesent. Every time we set ourselves apart in what by some will be a negative way, we invite them to go elsewhere	Mar 12, 2012 4:56 PM
46	No negitive impacts... Many Postive: Less liter on the streets, in the gutters, in the river, and in front of our store. I pick up plastic/fast food bags on the downtown streets almost daily. McDonalds & Burger King bags/drink containers are everywhere. Even some Carl Jr. Baja Fresh, and Arby's make its way downtown. I don't see many DQ however, I think it is because more people eat in at DQ.	Mar 12, 2012 4:26 PM
47	I assume that we could continue to use the plastic bags as they are donated to us, thereby becoming multi-use.	Mar 12, 2012 3:03 PM
48	we would switch to paper	Mar 12, 2012 2:58 PM
49	none to our business.	Mar 12, 2012 2:37 PM
50	non	Mar 12, 2012 2:16 PM
51	Angry customers who have their right to choose taken away	Mar 12, 2012 2:03 PM
52	None- we do not offer plastic bags.	Mar 12, 2012 1:55 PM
53	none	Mar 12, 2012 1:18 PM
54	If plastic bags are banned, we probably won't have as many bags incoming to our store either. Which we re-use regularly. I don't see this as a significant impact or challenge to overcome, however.	Mar 12, 2012 1:09 PM

Page 2, Q10. If plastic carry-out bags are banned, describe any impacts to your business.

55	Mostly, we will just be the recipients of the complaining by the customers that like bags. Most of our customers decline bags	Mar 12, 2012 12:58 PM
56	switch to paper, which may be more expensive	Mar 12, 2012 12:42 PM
57	Inconvenience for customers that purchase many items	Mar 12, 2012 12:41 PM
58	none	Mar 12, 2012 12:40 PM
59	none	Mar 12, 2012 12:23 PM
60	It will be one more step in the right direction for Corvallis, complimenting our city as an eco-tourist destination, which compliments my business.	Mar 12, 2012 12:16 PM

Page 2, Q11. In your opinion, what fee amount per bag would reduce the use of single-use carry-out bags?

1	no fee	Mar 19, 2012 9:42 AM
2	none	Mar 15, 2012 4:15 PM
3	In the face of a bag fee, some customers will simply not make their discretionary purchase here (or elsewhere in Corvallis), which would indeed reduce the use of plastic bags in correlation with a reduction in sales by Corvallis retailers.	Mar 15, 2012 12:33 PM
4	No fee will reduce the use only makes customers more upset with a new tax	Mar 14, 2012 9:00 PM
5	No opinion	Mar 14, 2012 7:35 PM
6	People shouldn't be charged a fee.	Mar 14, 2012 4:31 PM
7	I do not support a fee as a prt of this program - it would be hard to enforce, puts retailers in a position of collecting a 'tax' that they might not support and in the process alienating customers. Use the Market of Choice model - offer a \$0.05 credit for bags consumers bring in themselves. A REWARD rather than a PENALTY.	Mar 14, 2012 3:53 PM
8	No Fees.	Mar 14, 2012 2:31 PM
9	This is Corvallis, where everyone already lives and breathes recycling. No further improvements can be expected from legislation	Mar 13, 2012 7:53 PM
10	I am not so sure all bags are single use. We personally use bags many, many times before they fail and are recycled!	Mar 13, 2012 12:07 PM
11	Keep things as they are and educate the public	Mar 13, 2012 12:04 PM
12	I don't favor fees	Mar 13, 2012 10:21 AM
13	zero	Mar 13, 2012 8:47 AM
14	rediculous	Mar 12, 2012 11:26 PM
15	Don't know	Mar 12, 2012 10:41 PM
16	As a customer, I would be angry if I was charged a fee for bags. I would consider not returning to the store, especially if I wasn't educated that this was not the store's choice. As a retailer, I don't want to anger my customers.	Mar 12, 2012 8:47 PM
17	any fee will have some impact on cutomer decisions, but why should retailers have to force consumers to consider the environment. What other personal behaviors should retailers force them to change?	Mar 12, 2012 7:47 PM
18	1.00	Mar 12, 2012 7:26 PM
19	NO FEE, the bags cost leass than a penny, the retailers will make a profit, even on a nickle.	Mar 12, 2012 6:29 PM
20	5 cents on plastic; 0-.5 cents on paper, and \$1.00 on fast food bags-these are the ones that cause the most liter.	Mar 12, 2012 4:26 PM

Page 2, Q11. In your opinion, what fee amount per bag would reduce the use of single-use carry-out bags?

21	not in favor of this type of ban.	Mar 12, 2012 2:37 PM
22	.35	Mar 12, 2012 1:09 PM
23	Don't feel there should be a fee	Mar 12, 2012 12:41 PM
24	I don't know	Mar 12, 2012 12:40 PM

Page 2, Q12. If Corvallis requires a fee, kept by the retailer, on carry-out bags, should businesses with less than 25 full-time equivalent employees (FTEs) be exempted?

1	Any exemptions should be based on the nature of a business (e.g. grocery stores), and not on it's number of employees.	Mar 15, 2012 12:33 PM
2	fair is fair	Mar 14, 2012 9:00 PM
3	There are so few retailers with this many employess that this clause would make this initiative pointless and confusing for everyone.	Mar 14, 2012 3:53 PM
4	No fees	Mar 14, 2012 2:31 PM
5	That would make it pointless!	Mar 13, 2012 9:58 PM
6	all or none	Mar 13, 2012 2:25 PM
7	why, what is the difference?	Mar 13, 2012 10:21 AM
8	If a fee is charged it should be charged by all...city wide.	Mar 13, 2012 8:47 AM
9	Try being a small business in this town. Good Luck !!	Mar 12, 2012 11:26 PM
10	Most businesses have less than 25 employees	Mar 12, 2012 9:25 PM
11	Why should the number of employees make a difference?	Mar 12, 2012 9:00 PM
12	But these kind of exceptions are poor policy in the long run.	Mar 12, 2012 7:47 PM
13	This would help us but doesn't seem fair.	Mar 12, 2012 7:17 PM
14	It is not about the # of employees, it is about the bags...and the need for the bags.	Mar 12, 2012 4:26 PM
15	small biz bags are usually better quality and reusable	Mar 12, 2012 12:42 PM
16	I don't know	Mar 12, 2012 12:40 PM

Page 2, Q14. If your store does not take back plastic bags for recycling, why?

1	We don't use them	Mar 16, 2012 10:24 AM
2	no local pick up	Mar 14, 2012 9:00 PM
3	We recycle plastic bags internally - since we don't send plastic bags out the door with our customers there is no need to take them back to be recycled.	Mar 14, 2012 3:53 PM
4	don't offer or receive bags	Mar 14, 2012 9:09 AM
5	not applicable to my specific business as I do not offer bags	Mar 14, 2012 8:41 AM
6	Not sanitary	Mar 13, 2012 7:53 PM
7	We do not use plastic bags.	Mar 13, 2012 2:54 PM
8	we do encourage reuse	Mar 13, 2012 2:25 PM
9	Sanitation is important, reusing is important and we encourage both in our business	Mar 13, 2012 12:04 PM
10	don't use bags	Mar 13, 2012 11:09 AM
11	we don't want customers to bring bags to us, but we recycle those that come in our orders	Mar 13, 2012 10:21 AM
12	N/A	Mar 13, 2012 9:21 AM
13	we don't provide plastic bags - non issue	Mar 13, 2012 9:18 AM
14	we don't use them	Mar 13, 2012 8:09 AM
15	They do not hold up	Mar 12, 2012 11:48 PM
16	We don't offer them at all	Mar 12, 2012 9:25 PM
17	I do take them back but they are difficult to recycle.	Mar 12, 2012 8:50 PM
18	we don't use plastic bags at all	Mar 12, 2012 7:22 PM
19	most of our customers reuse their bags over and over.	Mar 12, 2012 7:17 PM
20	Assume consumer already has that ability available at home or their work, why cart them back?	Mar 12, 2012 4:56 PM
21	We don't use them.	Mar 12, 2012 4:26 PM
22	we do not offer the bags.	Mar 12, 2012 2:37 PM
23	don't provide plastic bags	Mar 12, 2012 2:16 PM
24	We provide drinks and food, concerns for sanitation & space.	Mar 12, 2012 12:58 PM
25	because of color and ink, not sure they are recyclable	Mar 12, 2012 12:42 PM

Page 2, Q14. If your store does not take back plastic bags for recycling, why?

26	N/A	Mar 12, 2012 12:40 PM
27	We are a bike taxi.	Mar 12, 2012 12:16 PM

Page 2, Q15. Additional comments you would like to provide.

1	I believe that if a "single-use" bag ban is considered, it should narrowly define a "single-use" bag as only the very thin grocery-type bags, and not the thicker mil plastic bags that are absolutely necessary for the protection of products from our rainy weather. You can easily get groceries from the store to the parking lot in a paper bag, but it simply won't work for many other moisture-sensitive products and pedestrian environments.	Mar 15, 2012 12:33 PM
2	stop the insanity	Mar 14, 2012 9:00 PM
3	Encouraging people to use re-usable bags is the way to go, and providing alternatives to plastic is better than another fee. Corvallis is too fee happy....	Mar 14, 2012 4:31 PM
4	This survey seems poorly designed and the options you have listed do not cover some of the obvious alternatives.	Mar 14, 2012 3:53 PM
5	This is not a government issue. The City Council needs to spend their time & resources on the budget needs/short fall, bil not on this silly issue.	Mar 14, 2012 2:31 PM
6	I have traveled extensively outside of the USA. In most developing areas if you want a bag you pay for it. It saves the seller having to eat the cost of bags, and it quickly makes you remember to bring your own. I personally think we should be charged for plastic and paper bags. It would greatly reduce the need for these single use dump fillers, and it would save retailers the expense of providing them. REDUCE, Reuse and then recycle. I understand that retailers do not want to inconvenience their customers, but this would only shock them the first time or two. The customers would quickly adjust. Then it would be saving the retailers the bag cost, that is a small but necessary expense. Overall this seems like a small inconvenience for the economic and environmental benefit it will return.	Mar 14, 2012 8:41 AM
7	We sell very small items, and often put them into small zip-type bags. They are reusable, and we take them back for reuse. For a long time we also used plastic carry-out bags, but in recent years, almost no one wants a bag. We switched to paper when they are needed.	Mar 13, 2012 9:58 PM
8	I hate plastic but think if it is banned using paper instead does not solve the problem. Let's encourage reuse, using reusable bags, etc. Also, as I read the proposal some palces are exexcept (ie take-out food) and this seems silly and unfair. Ban completely or not at all.	Mar 13, 2012 2:25 PM
9	Education is a powerful tool. People want to do what is right, and helping them to learn about the repercussion of not recycling, or reusing could accomplish the "ban" or "feeing", which is just hard on retailers, and do we really have to be a police state? Can't we lead by example, and expect our constituents to be responsible members of society?	Mar 13, 2012 12:07 PM
10	Please evaluate the costs associated with paper bags vs plastic. What does it cost to recycle paper vs plastic. How many times can paper vs plastic be recycled. How many times can paper vs plastic be reused? Under what conditions is paper better than plastic and vis versa? How many more trees will have to be cut to make paper bags more available? Who will be making the paper bags - China or US? Consider the costs of shipping and handling for businesses to purchase paper bags vs plastic bags. Which bag business	Mar 13, 2012 12:04 PM

Page 2, Q15. Additional comments you would like to provide.

	causes more pollution in fabrication, paper or plastic? What proof is there that Corvallis is causing significant damage to the environment by using plastic bags now? Will this plastic bag ban be putting American workers out of business at a time when our economy is down? Didn't we pass legislation several decades ago to get plastic bags so we could save trees by not using paper bags? Why are we changing that now?	
11	City has no business spending any resources on this sort of issue	Mar 13, 2012 11:53 AM
12	This is certainly controversial and I can see the pros and cons presented by consumers and my business colleagues. More fees aren't the answer. Education, encouragement and distribution of reusable bags would be doable. We are an 'over-feed' culture...	Mar 13, 2012 10:21 AM
13	Since we are a church, I'm not sure this will help you very much. I would be intersted in the final results, tho'.	Mar 13, 2012 9:21 AM
14	Melons don't have a handle. T-shirt type bags are very handy on wet days at farmera markets.	Mar 12, 2012 11:48 PM
15	Special interest groups are making a mockery of this city government	Mar 12, 2012 11:26 PM
16	Paperbags are much easier to recycle and breakdown in easily. Many customers use reusable bags and single use plastic bags are not at all necessary. Single use plastic bags are not consistent with Corvallis' sustainability goals.	Mar 12, 2012 9:25 PM
17	I am firmly AGAINST the plastic bag ban as both a retailer and a customer. I try to bring my own bags and do probably 90% of the time. However, for those times I forget and am running in the rain with my purchases and 3 kids in tow, it is nice to have a bag for my items from the store. We should invest in educating customers and providing easy recycling for plastic bags. I would support credit to customers for bringing in their own bags (plastic or otherwise). Think of this: as a retailer I provide restrooms with running water and toilet paper. What would happen if we banned providing toilet paper for our customers? What if we charged them by the number of squares they used? Or, just told them "too bad, should have brought your own"? This is the same idea...bags, like toilet paper, are an item we provide to convience the customer. Banning the plastic bag is short-sighted. We are in an era of declining availability of local goods due to the increase in the internet market. We cannot afford as a community to put barriers up to customers and encourage them to shop elsewhere (out of town or online). The time is coming where it will be difficult to find an item you are looking for in your local community. Let's not usher that time in more quickly by annoying customers.	Mar 12, 2012 8:47 PM
18	Having a local site for recycling plastic bags and plastic film and packing materials would greatly enhance recycling rates.	Mar 12, 2012 7:47 PM
19	If you go into a store like Costco, Bimart, or Napa, countless items from apples to grease guns are sold only in thick plastic shells that contain much more plastic than a thin tshirt bag. It is hard to believe that the plastic bags are as big a part of the waste stream as people say. In our personal household, we use cloth carry bags and decline plastic carry out bags unless they are needed to keep	Mar 12, 2012 7:17 PM

Page 2, Q15. Additional comments you would like to provide.

	produce from dehydrating. We use those plastic bags several times. Our trash fills up with the plastic packaging from florescent light bulbs, needle nose pliers, etc.. We don't drink soda or beer, but the connected rings of plastic that hold six packs together have more weight of plastic than a produce bag. If we want to reduce plastic use (a nice goal) maybe we should ban the plastic rings and make people carry their soda cans home in re usable bags.	
20	This is a "feel good" idea, that has little impact on the problem. The problem is the people who litter, not the bags. 100% of the bags are recyclable, if people just take them back when they shop.	Mar 12, 2012 6:29 PM
21	Allow the public the freedom to choose, let each person do what they believe is best for themselves. Do we need to regulate everything?	Mar 12, 2012 6:23 PM
22	More and more customers decline bags so it may be self correcting problem!	Mar 12, 2012 6:17 PM
23	Why do we insist on being the petri dish for everything that logically should be a federal or state discussion? Do we really have the resources for this when we are facing serious budget constraints?	Mar 12, 2012 4:56 PM
24	I lived in Taipei when they were the first in the world to have a (aprox 5 cent) tax on bags. It made a huge difference in the amount of liter and garbage, and was wildly popular. Not getting a bag for free didn't bother me at all. When I needed one, paying a nickle didn't bother me either. What does bother me, is picking up 5-10 McDonald bags a week of the sidewalk!	Mar 12, 2012 4:26 PM
25	As I mentioned above, there needs to be an exemption for bags which have already been used, and are just being re-used for a 2nd, 3rd, or nth time.	Mar 12, 2012 4:02 PM
26	My family reuse the bags we get from the stores & realize we are already paying for them in the prices we pay at the stores.	Mar 12, 2012 2:37 PM
27	This is absolutely ridiculous, Spend our hard earned tax dollars on things that actually matter.	Mar 12, 2012 2:22 PM
28	Our current bag charge is 5¢ per bag, but that does not cover our cost. 15¢ per bag would cover that cost. We chose 5¢ because that is the amount we donate to local organizations when someone brings in their own bag to use for their groceries.	Mar 12, 2012 1:55 PM
29	I don't mind a fee being charged(it would help pay for bags) but I beleive the fee should be kept by retailers	Mar 12, 2012 12:42 PM
30	Not in fovor of a plastic bag ban.	Mar 12, 2012 12:41 PM
31	I think plastic and paper bags both cause harm for the environment (if that is the objective of this bill). I think unless an order is significantly larger than can be easily carried out, I don't think any bag should be offered.	Mar 12, 2012 12:40 PM
32	Thank you for considering this, and please make this important step toward a cleaner environment. Also, if a no-idling policy could be considered for motor vehicles, I'd love to help make it happen.	Mar 12, 2012 12:16 PM

Attachment H: Estimated Costs of Potential Enforcement Mechanisms

The City Attorney identified four mechanisms could be used to enforce an ordinance banning single-use plastic bags. Staff has estimated costs associated with each. No option would cover the cost of enforcement, for which the City currently has no resources budgeted.

Incentives

Rather than placing a fine on retailers not in compliance, the City could provide an incentive to those that are. It could be as simple as a sign/window sticker indicating that the retailer does not provide single-use plastic carryout bags. The exact cost for incentives would depend on the nature of the incentive itself. If the City Council wants to confirm compliance, there would be additional costs associated with whatever process would be used to determine if the merchant earned the incentive.

Example: Provide a sticker to businesses that have demonstrated compliance that they can display to acknowledge their efforts.

Estimated first year cost assuming staff confirm initial compliance with a field visit and documentation.

Stickers - Five color, 12"x12" = \$25.00 each x 200 stickers	= \$5,000
Staff time - Incentive program development and approval	= \$2,000
Staff time - Implementation of incentive program	= <u>\$16,000</u>
Total	<u>\$23,000</u>

Pros

- a) *Lowest cost penalty option.*
- b) *Does not require City Attorney, Police, Municipal Court, District Court, or City Manager time to administer after program is developed.*
- c) *Limited staff time and resources to implement.*

Cons

- a) *No consequence for not complying with ordinance.*
- b) *No complaint resolution for residents.*
- c) *Could reduce effectiveness of ordinance, compliance is voluntary.*
- d) *No funding source to implement program.*
- e) *No process in place/unfamiliar rules.*

Criminal Misdemeanor Penalties

The maximum penalty for a Class A Misdemeanor under the Municipal Code is a possible fine not to exceed \$2500 and a possible term of imprisonment not to exceed one year (or both a fine and imprisonment). Misdemeanor ordinance offenses are prosecuted in the Corvallis Municipal

Court. There are lesser fines and lesser possible imprisonment terms for Class B and Class C Misdemeanors. Enforcement of offenses as misdemeanors would include the possibility of jury trials and court appointed-attorneys. The required proof for a conviction is evidence beyond a reasonable doubt. In terms of process, the investigation and arrest for misdemeanors would need to be conducted by Police officers. In addition to the cost of Police and Public Works resources to investigate complaints, additional resources used would include Court Staff, Municipal Judge, and City Attorney, and, if appeals are made to the Circuit Court, time at off-retainer rates. If jail time is imposed, there are costs to the City for each day a person is held in jail. In addition, the State charges the City fees and assessments for each conviction.

Lowest possible cost scenario

Estimated cost per violation assuming a citation is issued on first offense, no warnings are given, no search warrants are required, and the violator pleads guilty and pays the fine without challenging in court.
Staff time (investigating department, City Attorney, Municipal Court, Police) plus State assessed fees on the City = 20 hours x \$75 = \$1,500 + \$45 State fee = \$1,545

Likely cost scenario

Estimated cost per violation assuming misdemeanor is issued after retailer has received several warnings, search warrants are required, and the charge is challenged (appeal) in court.
Staff time (investigating department, City Attorney, Municipal Court, Police) plus State assessed fees on the City = 40 hours x \$75 = \$3,000 + \$45 State fee = \$3,045

Maximum penalty amount = \$2,500

Pros

- a) *Places financial penalty on non-complying businesses potentially improving ordinance effectiveness.*
- b) *Provides method to respond to resident complaints that a business is not complying.*
- c) *Established process with familiar rules and requirements.*

Cons

- a) *Expensive penalty to enforce. Fine will not cover the cost of enforcement.*
- b) *Requires resources from multiple departments.*
- c) *Could require search warrants to do investigation.*
- d) *Process to impose fine/jail is time consuming and costly, likely taking several months.*
- e) *At the end of the process, judge/jury may determine not to impose fine or jail, resulting in no revenue to offset some of the cost of processing the violation.*
- f) *Responsible party for criminal offense/jail time may be difficult to determine.*
- g) *Criminal record on part of person who violates, so more likelihood of trials/appeals.*

Violation or Infraction Penalties

The maximum penalty for a Class A Infraction under the Municipal Code is \$500. There are lesser penalties for Class B and Class C Infractions. Infractions or violations are prosecuted in the Municipal Court. For infractions or violations, as there is no possible incarceration, there is no right to a jury trial or appointed counsel. The required proof for a conviction is a preponderance of evidence. Otherwise the due process requirements are the same as for misdemeanors. Costs of enforcement would be somewhat less than for misdemeanors, as police officers would present the City's case to the court, unless a person engaged their own counsel to defend them (in which case the City Attorney would appear). Appeals could still go to the Circuit Court, and there would still be the State charged fees and assessments for each conviction.

Lowest possible cost scenario

Estimated cost per violation assuming a citation is issued on first offense, no warnings are given, no search warrants are required, and the violator pleads guilty and pays the fine without challenging in court.

Police time plus State assessed fees on the City = 1 hour x \$75 = \$75 + \$45 State fee = \$120

Likely cost scenario

Estimated cost per violation assuming citation is issued after retailer has received several warnings, search warrants are required, and the charge is challenged (appeal) in court.
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Staff time (investigating department, City Attorney, Municipal Court, Police) plus State assessed fees on the City = 50 hours x \$75 = \$3,750 + \$45 State fee = \$3,795
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Maximum penalty amount = \$500

Pros

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- a) *Expensive penalty to enforce. Fine will not cover the cost of enforcement.*
- b) *Requires resources from multiple departments.*
- c) *Could require search warrants to do investigations.*
- d) *Process to investigate and impose fine can be time consuming and lengthy, could take several months.*
- e) *At the end of the process, judge may determine not to impose fine, resulting in no revenue to offset some of the cost of processing the violation.*

f) Retailer can appeal to Circuit Court as de novo trial on appeal.

Civil Penalties

The ordinance could be written so that civil penalties could be determined by the City Manager (or designee) within some range. While the Municipal Code does not establish a maximum amount that may be charged for civil penalties, there is a constitutional requirement that penalties must be proportionate to the importance of the social good the ordinance creates. In terms of process, the ordinance would need to establish the requirements and path that an appeal of the assessment of civil penalties would need to take. Ultimately, these appeals would need to have a path to the City Council in order to be consistent with the Charter. Unlike code enforcement actions that are tied to a permit system (where refusal to comply with a requirement also means a permit is not forthcoming from the City), if a person refuses to pay a civil penalty related to a prohibited act, enforcement takes the form of an action in Circuit Court. Costs for these actions vary, but several thousand dollars would not be unexpected.

There is not a specific civil penalty process for this ordinance, making it difficult to estimate the cost of enforcement. Staff believe the investigation time, hearing's process, and documentation required would equate to costs similar to, if not more than misdemeanors.

City Attorney time if the process is enforced through Circuit Court = \$1000-\$5000+ per case depending on whether the case is challenged.

Estimated cost to develop a civil penalty and hearings process for the ordinance by staff and the City Attorney = 40hrs x \$75/hr = \$3,000

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- a) Places financial penalty on non-complying businesses potentially improving ordinance effectiveness.*
- b) Provides method to respond to resident complaints that a business is not complying.*

Cons

- a) Expensive penalty to enforce. Fine will not cover the cost of enforcement.*
- b) Likely requires resources from multiple departments depending on the civil penalty and hearings process used.*
- c) Search warrant required.*
- d) Process to impose fine is not established. Enforcement if person refuses to pay penalty requires Circuit Court action which can be time consuming and costly, likely taking several months.*
- e) At the end of the process, hearings officer or judge may determine to reduce or not impose a fine, resulting in no revenue to offset some of the cost of processing the violation.*

Could escalate to a criminal case when a certain dollar threshold is reached [this would depend on ordinance].

ORDINANCE 2012-_____

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 8.14, "SINGLE-USE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS," AND STATING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Section 1. Title 8, Business, of the Corvallis Municipal Code is amended to add a new Chapter 8.14 as follows:

- 8.14.010 Purpose.**
- 8.14.020 Definitions.**
- 8.14.030 Supervision by City Manager.**
- 8.14.040 Single-use plastic carryout bag regulation.**
- 8.14.050 Enforcement and penalties.**
- 8.14.060 Severability.**

Section 8.14.010 Purpose.

1) The purpose of this Chapter is to prohibit retail establishments from distributing single-use plastic carryout bags to their customers and to encourage the distribution and use of reusable bags.

Section 8.14.020 Definitions.

- 1) City - City of Corvallis, Oregon
- 2) City Manager - The City Manager for the City of Corvallis or the City Manager's designee acting under his or her direction.
- 3) Retail Establishment - means any store, shop, sales outlet, or vendor located within the City of Corvallis that sells goods at retail. Retail Establishment does not include any establishment where the primary business is the preparation of food or drink:
 - a) For consumption by the public;
 - b) In a form or quantity that is consumable then and there, whether or not it is consumed within the confines of the place where prepared; or
 - c) In consumable form for consumption outside the place where prepared.
- 4) Reusable Bag - means a bag with handles that is either:
 - a) Made of cloth or other machine washable material, or
 - b) Made of durable plastic that is at least 2.25 mils thick.
- 5) Single-use Plastic Carryout Bag - means a plastic bag made from synthetic or natural organic materials, that is provided by a Retail Establishment to a customer at the point of sale for use to transport or carry away purchases from the Retail Establishment. A Single-use Plastic Carryout Bag does not include:
 - a) A Reusable bag.
 - b) A plastic bag provided by a Retail Establishment to a customer at a time other than the time of checkout; or
 - c) Pharmacy prescription bags.

Section 8.14.030 Supervision by City Manager.

The regulation of Single-use Plastic Carryout Bags in the City under the provisions herein shall be under the supervision of the City Manager.

Section 8.14.040 Single-use Plastic Carryout Bag regulation.

Retail Establishments shall not provide or make available Single-use Plastic Carryout Bags to customers.

Section 8.14.050 Enforcement and penalties.

Compliance with this ordinance is voluntary.

Section 8.14.060 Severability.

If any provision, paragraph, word, section, or article of this Chapter is invalidated by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions, paragraphs, words, sections and chapters shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect.

Section 2. This ordinance shall become effective on July 1, 2012.

PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2012.

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____, 2012.

EFFECTIVE this _____ day of _____, 2012.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Recorder

Administrative Services Committee
May 9, 2012

Attachment 1

Supplemental Information Request

Ridership data for the first four months of 2012

Ridership	2011	2012	Percent Increase
January	78,754	103,182	31.01
February	80,794	108,601	34.41
March	91,060	102,672	12.75
April	92,842	109,681	18.13

Attachment 2

Single-Use Plastic Bag Reduction

Public Testimony E-Mails to Mayor and Councilors

Received from May 3 through noon on May 9, 2012

The table below is an updated version of the table in the April 19, 2012 Staff Report. It includes all public comments through noon on May 9, 2012. Comments from the correspondence are broken into broad categories.

Support for...	# Responses	% of Total
Ban on plastic	137	52%
No ban on plastic	121	46%
Fee on plastic	6	2%
Fee on paper	7	3%
No fees	106	40%
Increase recycling	106	40%
Increase education	91	34%
No action	5	2%
Refer to ballot	2	1%

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Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- To: <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- From: <theoregonlady83@xxxxxxxx>
- Date: Thu, 3 May 2012 10:27:23 -0700
- Cc: <theoregonlady83@xxxxxxxx>
- Resent-date: Thu, 3 May 2012 10:27:56 -0700 (PDT)
- Resent-from: <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Resent-message-id: <20120503172756.76A15518C60@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Mayor Manning,

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Only one of these options wouldn't threaten Oregon jobs or put new tax burdens on Corvallis families. And only one of these options could encourage Corvallis to recycle all our paper and plastic goods, not just bags. That's why I support the public education program and why I oppose taxes and bans on my bags.

Bag taxes and bans don't help clean the environment or reduce litter. They just hurt people who can least afford an additional cost burden in these tough economic times. What's worse, taxing or banning bags could directly threaten Oregon's manufacturing and recycling jobs.

I hope you'll oppose bans and taxes, and instead support the real solution to litter: recycling. By creating a public education program, you could make Corvallis a statewide leader in recycling.

Sincerely,

Margaret Tyson


Corvallis, OR 97330

- Follow-Ups:
 - Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
 - From: mayor
- Prev by Date: Gov4Gov
- Next by Date: A Dozen

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Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- To: <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- From: <carolyn.cooper@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Fri, 4 May 2012 19:41:28 -0700
- Cc: <carolyn.cooper@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- Resent-date: Fri, 4 May 2012 19:42:00 -0700 (PDT)
- Resent-from: <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Resent-message-id: <20120505024200.8E62151C5FE@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Carolyn Cooper

Corvallis, OR 97330

- Follow-Ups:
 - Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
 - From: mayor
- Prev by Date: **FW: Emailing: Singing Home.pdf**
- Next by Date: **Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**

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Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- **To:** <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- **Subject:** Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- **From:** <andanteadventure@xxxxxxxx>
- **Date:** Sat, 5 May 2012 06:55:08 -0700
- **Cc:** <andanteadventure@xxxxxxxx>
- **Resent-date:** Sat, 5 May 2012 06:55:44 -0700 (PDT)
- **Resent-from:** <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- **Resent-message-id:** <20120505135544.2331751BCE8@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Judy Rintoul
[Redacted]
Corvallis, OR 97339

- **Follow-Ups:**
 - **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
 - *From:* mayor
- **Prev by Date:** Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- **Next by Date:** Spam Digest for Friday, May 4, 2012

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Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- To: <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- From: <mageekm@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Sun, 6 May 2012 17:46:23 -0700
- Cc: <mageekm@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Resent-date: Sun, 6 May 2012 17:46:56 -0700 (PDT)
- Resent-from: <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Resent-message-id: <20120507004656.3ECCA51CA6A@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Kenneth Magee

Corvallis, OR 97330

- Follow-Ups:
 - Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
 - From: mayor
- Prev by Date: Raindrops to Faucet: 6th Annual Corvallis Forest Tour
- Next by Date: Dead Even



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Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- **To:** <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- **Subject:** Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- **From:** <Ashleyjordanosu@xxxxxxxxxx>
- **Date:** Sun, 6 May 2012 16:30:55 -0700
- **Cc:** <Ashleyjordanosu@xxxxxxxxxx>
- **Resent-date:** Sun, 6 May 2012 16:31:27 -0700 (PDT)
- **Resent-from:** <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- **Resent-message-id:** <20120506233127.BA20151DE72@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Ashley Hopson
[Redacted]
Corvallis, OR 97330

- **Follow-Ups:**
 - **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
 - *From:* mayor
- **Prev by Date:** Spam Digest for Saturday, May 5, 2012
- **Next by Date:** Raindrops to Faucet: 6th Annual Corvallis Forest Tour

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Plastic Ban

- To: ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Plastic Ban
- From: pfleeger@xxxxxxx
- Date: Mon, 7 May 2012 22:31:29 -0700 (PDT)

Dear Councilor O'Brien

I was disappointed this morning to read in the newspaper that Corvallis city staff has not recommended the plastic check out bag ban. This ordinance would be helpful in curtailing the negative impact of the single use plastic products in the environment. Please consider supporting the ordinance for the following reasons:

1. Plastic, including plastic bags, does not decompose. They just become smaller and smaller pieces. Most do not sink but are suspended in the water column where they are ingested, intentionally or not. Ingested plastic can lead to strangulation and starvation. Most organisms supported by marine food webs have plastic materials in their stomachs when they die. This includes sea birds, mammals, fish and micro-organisms. It has been speculated that plastic bags suspended in the water column appear as jelly fish to some organisms that feed on jelly fish leading to plastic bag ingestion and death.
2. Plastic bags are a costly nuisance to Oregon industries. They are the number one litter problem at Coffin Butt land fill requiring staff time to collect plastic bags blowing around before they float away from the land fill. They contaminate the PRC facility where they do not decompose but decrease the value of the compost the PRC is trying to sell. Plastic bags contaminate the recycling stream and cause the shutting down of the sorting lines at least twice a day while the staff crawls in among the conveyor belt rollers to remove them from the equipment.
3. Plastic bags are not manufactured in Oregon while paper bags are. Using paper bags helps create jobs in Oregon.

Plastic bags are convenient, but their costs are much more detrimental. They are a habit that can easily be done away with. Using reusable bags is an easy habit to learn. How many times did you forget your car keys before you started a habit to remember them? Please support the ban on plastic check out bags.

Thank you

Thomas Pfleeger

Corvallis, OR 97333

- Prev by Date: RE: Follow up on 211 question from Council 5/7

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Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- To: <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- From: <narniegipson@xxxxxxxx>
- Date: Mon, 7 May 2012 17:32:13 -0700
- Cc: <narniegipson@xxxxxxxx>
- Resent-date: Mon, 7 May 2012 17:32:45 -0700 (PDT)
- Resent-from: <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Resent-message-id: <20120508003245.7564A520C87@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

gaynell gipson
[Redacted]
Corvallis, OR 97330

- Follow-Ups:
 - Re: **Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
 - From: mayor
- Prev by Date: **RE: Invitation to OSU Service-Learning Conversation**
- Next by Date: **Breaking news: Oregonian will release poll tonight!**



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Say no to bag bans and taxes!

- **To:** <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- **Subject:** Say no to bag bans and taxes!
- **From:** <mandie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- **Date:** Tue, 8 May 2012 15:31:41 -0700
- **Cc:** <mandie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- **Resent-date:** Tue, 8 May 2012 15:32:14 -0700 (PDT)
- **Resent-from:** <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- **Resent-message-id:** <20120508223214.D609E183B37@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Mayor Manning,

As an Oregonian and a resident of Corvallis, I'm disappointed to hear that the city council is considering banning or taxing my grocery bags. Oregon voters have already said no to bag bans and taxes -- why are we debating this issue again?

Did you know that plastic bags are a tiny part of our garbage? It's true -- they're less than half a percent of all the trash we make. And a year after San Francisco banned its bags, they didn't see a reduction in bag litter. Banning and taxing them won't make a difference, but it'll really hurt local businesses and the 30,000 Americans who make and recycle plastic bags.

Corvallis is a town that recycles, not a town that bans. Let's expand our recycling instead of eliminating consumer choice with bag bans and taxes.

Sincerely,

Mandie Murk


Corvallis, OR 97333

- **Follow-Ups:**
 - **Re: Say no to bag bans and taxes!**
 - *From:* mayor
- Prev by Date: **Say no to bag bans and taxes!**
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- To: <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Say no to bag bans and taxes!
- From: <trusuenew@xxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Tue, 8 May 2012 21:49:08 -0700
- Cc: <trusuenew@xxxxxxxxxx>
- Resent-date: Tue, 8 May 2012 21:49:43 -0700 (PDT)
- Resent-from: <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Resent-message-id: <20120509044943.AD0F3183FCB@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Susan Newby

Corvallis, OR 97330

- **Follow-Ups:**
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Say no to bag bans and taxes!

- To: <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Say no to bag bans and taxes!
- From: <candi10@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Tue, 8 May 2012 22:21:19 -0700
- Cc: <candi10@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Resent-date: Tue, 8 May 2012 22:21:52 -0700 (PDT)
- Resent-from: <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Resent-message-id: <20120509052152.30A5D183982@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Mayor Manning,

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Sincerely,

Candace Whitney

Corvallis, OR 97330

- Follow-Ups:
 - Re: Say no to bag bans and taxes!
 - From: mayor
- Prev by Date: Say no to bag bans and taxes!
- Next by Date: City Staff's Final Report for Addressing Single-Use Plastic Bags
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- **To:** <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- **Subject:** Say no to bag bans and taxes!
- **From:** <paul@xxxxxxxx>
- **Date:** Tue, 8 May 2012 15:48:15 -0700
- **Cc:** <paul@xxxxxxxx>
- **Resent-date:** Tue, 8 May 2012 15:48:46 -0700 (PDT)
- **Resent-from:** <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- **Resent-message-id:** <20120508224846.CEDC2183C0B@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Paul Mumford
[Redacted]
Corvallis, OR 97333

- **Follow-Ups:**
 - **Re: Say no to bag bans and taxes!**
 - *From:* mayor
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- To: <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Say no to bag bans and taxes!
- From: <dstewart@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Tue, 8 May 2012 15:53:43 -0700
- Cc: <dstewart@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Resent-date: Tue, 8 May 2012 15:54:29 -0700 (PDT)
- Resent-from: <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Resent-message-id: <20120508225429.A2A4F1839EC@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Doug Stewart


Corvallis, OR 97330

- **Follow-Ups:**
 - **Re: Say no to bag bans and taxes!**
 - From: mayor
- Prev by Date: **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
- Next by Date: **Re: Say no to bag bans and taxes!**
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- To: <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Say no to bag bans and taxes!
- From: <dhagen@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Tue, 8 May 2012 16:08:51 -0700
- Cc: <dhagen@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- Resent-date: Tue, 8 May 2012 16:09:29 -0700 (PDT)
- Resent-from: <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Resent-message-id: <20120508230929.C4F6C183D12@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

David Hagen

Corvallis, OR 97333

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 - Re: Say no to bag bans and taxes!
 - From: mayor
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- To: <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Say no to bag bans and taxes!
- From: <mikecolling@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Tue, 8 May 2012 16:35:05 -0700
- Cc: <mikecolling@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- Resent-date: Tue, 8 May 2012 16:35:38 -0700 (PDT)
- Resent-from: <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Resent-message-id: <20120508233538.24646183AE1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

mike Colling

Corvallis, OR 97330

- Follow-Ups:
 - Re: **Say no to bag bans and taxes!**
 - From: mayor
- Prev by Date: **Housing action tour**
- Next by Date: **Say no to bag bans and taxes!**
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- To: <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Say no to bag bans and taxes!
- From: <pesmith@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Tue, 8 May 2012 16:58:47 -0700
- Cc: <pesmith@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Resent-date: Tue, 8 May 2012 16:59:20 -0700 (PDT)
- Resent-from: <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Resent-message-id: <20120508235920.7C327183C7C@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Patrick Smith

Corvallis, OR 97330

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 - From: mayor
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- To: <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Say no to bag bans and taxes!
- From: <wgsvh@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Tue, 8 May 2012 17:29:26 -0700
- Cc: <wgsvh@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Resent-date: Tue, 8 May 2012 17:30:00 -0700 (PDT)
- Resent-from: <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Resent-message-id: <20120509003000.C7182183DEB@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Susan Hall
[Redacted]
corvallis, OR 97330

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 - Re: Say no to bag bans and taxes!
 - From: mayor
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- To: <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Say no to bag bans and taxes!
- From: <djangreg@xxxxxxxx>
- Date: Tue, 8 May 2012 19:05:42 -0700
- Cc: <djangreg@xxxxxxxx>
- Resent-date: Tue, 8 May 2012 19:06:14 -0700 (PDT)
- Resent-from: <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Resent-message-id: <20120509020614.1B18018400A@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Don Gregerson

Corvallis, OR 97333

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 - From: mayor
- Prev by Date: **Say no to bag bans and taxes!**
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- To: <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Say no to bag bans and taxes!
- From: <klpete56@xxxxxxxx>
- Date: Tue, 8 May 2012 19:48:28 -0700
- Cc: <klpete56@xxxxxxxx>
- Resent-date: Tue, 8 May 2012 19:49:02 -0700 (PDT)
- Resent-from: <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Resent-message-id: <20120509024902.AEA1052303E@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Lew Peters

Corvallis, OR 97330

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- To: <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Say no to bag bans and taxes!
- From: <bonkisqueen@xxxxxxxx>
- Date: Tue, 8 May 2012 15:25:27 -0700
- Cc: <bonkisqueen@xxxxxxxx>
- Resent-date: Tue, 8 May 2012 15:26:01 -0700 (PDT)
- Resent-from: <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Resent-message-id: <20120508222601.0673D183759@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Amanda Harden

Corvallis, OR 97330

- **Follow-Ups:**
 - Re: **Say no to bag bans and taxes!**
 - From: mayor
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Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- **To:** <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- **Subject:** Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- **From:** <jrrust85@xxxxxxx>
- **Date:** Tue, 8 May 2012 15:11:09 -0700
- **Cc:** <jrrust85@xxxxxxx>
- **Resent-date:** Tue, 8 May 2012 15:11:46 -0700 (PDT)
- **Resent-from:** <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- **Resent-message-id:** <20120508221146.ABF71183855@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Mayor Manning,

I recently heard that Corvallis is considering three ways to decrease litter and increase recycling in our town: banning bags, taxing bags, or creating a public education program about recycling.

Only one of these options wouldn't threaten Oregon jobs or put new tax burdens on Corvallis families. And only one of these options could encourage Corvallis to recycle all our paper and plastic goods, not just bags. That's why I support the public education program and why I oppose taxes and bans on my bags.

Bag taxes and bans don't help clean the environment or reduce litter. They just hurt people who can least afford an additional cost burden in these tough economic times. What's worse, taxing or banning bags could directly threaten Oregon's manufacturing and recycling jobs.

I hope you'll oppose bans and taxes, and instead support the real solution to litter: recycling. By creating a public education program, you could make Corvallis a statewide leader in recycling.

Sincerely,

Josh Rust

Corvallis, OR 97333

- **Follow-Ups:**
 - **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
 - **From:** mayor
- Prev by Date: **Disney ?Touche? technology, Lenovo Android TVs, multi-user iPad?**
- Next by Date: **Say no to bag bans and taxes!**



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- **To:** <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- **Subject:** Say no to bag bans and taxes!
- **From:** <slhtmb@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- **Date:** Wed, 9 May 2012 08:55:04 -0700
- **Cc:** <slhtmb@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- **Resent-date:** Wed, 9 May 2012 08:55:36 -0700 (PDT)
- **Resent-from:** <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- **Resent-message-id:** <20120509155536.BB7C518520B@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

steve hubbs

corvallis, OR 97333

- **Follow-Ups:**
 - **Re: Say no to bag bans and taxes!**
 - **From:** mayor
- Prev by Date: <web>Plastic Bag Ordinance in Corvallis
- Next by Date: **Re: Say no to bag bans and taxes!**
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- **To:** <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- **Subject:** Say no to bag bans and taxes!
- **From:** <magalicious9@xxxxxxxx>
- **Date:** Wed, 9 May 2012 09:48:11 -0700
- **Cc:** <magalicious9@xxxxxxxx>
- **Resent-date:** Wed, 9 May 2012 09:48:44 -0700 (PDT)
- **Resent-from:** <mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- **Resent-message-id:** <20120509164844.7F1C817AE94@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

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Sincerely,

Margaret Wickham

Corvallis, OR 97330

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Comments for the Administrative Services Committee
Wednesday, May 9, 2012

From: Marge Stevens

[REDACTED]
Corvallis OR 97330

[REDACTED]
[greenstevens@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:greenstevens@[REDACTED])

To: City Staff, Councilors Joel Hirsch, Biff Traber, and Mark O'Brien;

Regarding the **Sustainability Initiatives Fee Update** report, I would like to commend the council on adopting the fees. There is evidence from this report of the value that has been provided to our community from the implementation of these fees. This value is both in financial savings and efficiency, but also importantly in improvement of quality of life for the citizens of Corvallis.

The proposal, development, and implementation of these fees did not occur in a vacuum. The work of the city's Sustainability Coordinator, working in partnership with community organizations, played a large role in this benefit to our city. This is a concrete example of the value of this position to our community, and a sound reason for *adding the funds back to the budget to retain the Sustainability Coordinator's position.*

Regarding the **Single-use Plastic Bag Reduction Recommendation**, I would make the following requests:

- Adopt the ordinance as presented by staff, except in Section 8.14.050 Enforcement and penalties. The enforcement mechanism could be whichever method is deemed most feasible by staff (incentives, criminal misdemeanor penalties, violation or infraction penalties, or civil penalties). Enforcement could be complaint driven and conducted through code enforcement procedures already in place for many other such ordinances in the city, like smoking or sign regulations.

As a member of the Waste Prevention Action Team and a Master Recycler, I would be among the community volunteers being asked to encourage retailers to reduce or eliminate the use of single-use plastic bags. In that capacity, I would find my task much more feasible with the weight of an ordinance to assist the conversations I would have with retailers.

- Emphasize that lack of a mandatory fee does not preclude retail establishments for charging a fee for paper bags, if they wish. The retailers indicated their desire for this fee, to help offset the difference in cost between plastic and paper bags. Just because the fee for paper bags may not be mandated, it is still an option for those retailers who wish to levy it.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me.
Thank you.

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<web>Plastic Bag Ban

- **To:** ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- **Subject:** <web>Plastic Bag Ban
- **From:** Corvallisdenn@xxxxxxxxxxxx
- **Date:** Wed, 9 May 2012 07:55:49 -0700
- **Reply-to:** <Corvallisdenn@xxxxxxxxxxxx>

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:

Dennis Hanson
Corvallisdenn@xxxxxxxxxxxx
prefer phone contact: no

Mark,

Here is the latest evidence on potential problems that will arise if you try to force people to use reuseable grocery bags. Please don't pass a plastic bag ban that includes a fee for paper bags. It is unrealistic to expect everyone using reusable bags will take the proper precautions to prevent the spread of diseases such as norovirus or listeria.

http://www.oregonlive.com/health/index.ssf/2012/05/in_a_first_oregon_scientific_s.html

Dennis Hanson

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<web>Web Request

- To: ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: <web>Web Request
- From: wendybrd@xxxxxxxx
- Date: Wed, 9 May 2012 08:52:24 -0700
- Reply-to: <wendybrd@xxxxxxxx>

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:

Wendy Peterman
wendybrd@xxxxxxxx

prefer phone contact: no

At the Planet Under Pressure 2012 conference in London, England over 3000 scientists and policy makers from all over the world gathered for five days to discuss the major environmental change issues, challenges and strategies facing human civilizations today and in the near future. Speakers outlined the massive biodiversity loss, human inequality, emissions levels, food insecurity and energy demands that can no longer support human well-being at the levels we have come to expect. An agreement was reached that a new metric of success, other than the Gross Domestic Product, needs to be developed that includes ecological integrity and the health of humans, plants, animals and ecosystems. This suggests that social values need to change to accommodate less consumerism and more focus on community and personal health.

From the State of the Planet Declaration issued by conference attendees:

?We need political will and capacity supported by the private sector, civil society and the academic community working together. Close partnerships are needed to strengthen the flow of ideas and knowledge, and to promote concrete cooperative action. There is no time to lose.?

In light of the difficulty in getting the US Federal government to act in support of the environment and public safety, people were encouraged to look to their local governments and exercise their democratic rights to affect change in favor of susatainability.

The state of Oregon proposed a ban on plastic bags, and the city council supported it. The state did not succeed in resolving the issue and will not meet again until February, 2013. The city staff of Corvallis, despite seeing metrics that constituents are in favor of getting rid of plastic bags from our stores has recommended that the city council do nothing to protect our citizens, our water and our wildlife against plastics in our community. If we can?t look to our local government to safeguard our health and safety to whom should we look? I urge you not

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Say no to bag bans and taxes!

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Mayor Manning,

As an Oregonian and a resident of Corvallis, I'm disappointed to hear that the city council is considering banning or taxing my grocery bags. Oregon voters have already said no to bag bans and taxes -- why are we debating this issue again?

Did you know that plastic bags are a tiny part of our garbage? It's true -- they're less than half a percent of all the trash we make. And a year after San Francisco banned its bags, they didn't see a reduction in bag litter. Banning and taxing them won't make a difference, but it'll really hurt local businesses and the 30,000 Americans who make and recycle plastic bags.

Corvallis is a town that recycles, not a town that bans. Let's expand our recycling instead of eliminating consumer choice with bag bans and taxes.

Sincerely,

Regina Berman

Corvallis, OR 97333

- **Follow-Ups:**
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REPORT TO ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE, MAY 9, 2012
FROM LINDA LOVETT, SUSTAINABILITY SUPERVISOR

Last year the City Council directed staff to develop a process to gather stakeholder and public input on policy options to reduce the use of single-use plastic carryout bags. The staff report for today's meeting provides an overview of three options developed by stakeholders and determined to be feasible and acceptable for Corvallis. It also provides a compilation of the public input via community and retailer surveys, votes at the public meeting, and Council and Public Works email from November 7 until May 2nd.

This report is intended to be a stand-alone document that wraps up the formal public process, so it includes a lot of background material. What I want to focus on is how staff reached the conclusion and recommendation that we did. We know that there is and will likely continue to be disagreement, but we want to answer some questions and hopefully achieve some level of understanding of our conclusions.

As the report says, once the three options were identified, staff researched how they might be implemented in Corvallis and ran into a couple of significant barriers. The first was the question of whether the City has the legal authority to mandate a fee that it does not collect. This is a complicated and uncertain area of law. There is no express authority for the City to require merchants to set a price for a commodity, nor is there case law in Oregon to support such action. Therefore, staff concluded that, without clear authority to mandate a fee that it does not collect for its own use, the City risks a legal challenge to any ordinance requiring retailers to charge a fee that they would retain.

The second barrier was the resource constraints faced by City departments that might be called upon to enforce an ordinance. As the memo notes, there was strong agreement from Community Development, Finance, Public Works, and the City Attorney's Office that present staffing is insufficient for plastic bag ban enforcement. Staff considered a variety of enforcement options—outlined in detail in the appendix of the memo—but none would enable the City to recoup staff time expenses, especially in the event that the retailer is in compliance and no fine is assessed.

These legal and resource constraints led staff to the following options:

1. An ordinance that would not be enforced;
2. An ordinance that would be enforced, but which would require either additional staff resources or a reprioritization of current tasks, neither of which seemed feasible in the current budget environment;
3. Going back to the drawing board and coming up with new options. This too, seemed unreasonable given the hundreds of hours of staff time already committed to this process, the good faith efforts of stakeholders; and the enforcement challenges that would still need to be worked out.

Given our direction to produce an ordinance, staff chose option one and drafted an ordinance that would ban single-use plastic carryout bags without imposing a fee on paper bags and where compliance would be voluntary. However, as the memo acknowledges, an ordinance without enforcement is of questionable value. In fact, the very value of an ordinance—as opposed to a resolution, which the Council had already passed—is that it imposes permanent rules of conduct. Ordinances are generally enforceable by criminal prosecution or by civil action such as seeking a court order or injunction, as we have noted in the staff report. Moreover, Chapter 5 of the City Charter says that one of the duties of the City Manager is to see that “all ordinances are enforced and that the provisions of all franchises, leases, contracts, permits and privileges granted by the City are observed.” To pass an ordinance that we knowingly would not enforce diminishes the value of those that we do plan to enforce. Therefore, staff recommends against pursuing an ordinance, but instead looking for community partners to achieve the Council goal.

Finally, there has been some concern expressed that the environmental, policy, or cost-saving reasons that explain the need for an ordinance are not mentioned in the staff report or the ordinance itself. It was staff’s assumption that the Resolution from last year, plus the Council’s direction to conduct the public process, was our starting point. The Council and staff clearly accept that it is in the public interest to reduce the use of single-use plastic bags. Therefore, we only referenced the Resolution in the staff report; unlike some other cities, Corvallis ordinances do not typically elaborate on the reasons behind them. What this committee and the Council needs to decide is whether the reasons articulated in the Resolution outweigh the practical difficulties of implementing an ordinance.



Attachment 4

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Good afternoon. I am Marcy Eastham, Executive Director of the Corvallis Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is a membership organization that represents over 500 local businesses in our community. I am also a resident of Ward 9, and have been a Corvallis resident for 38 years. I appreciate the opportunity to speak to you today on the topic of the proposed plastic bag ban.

First, I would like to acknowledge the work of City Staff in this effort. It takes a considerable amount of time to conduct research, evaluate resources, and come to a reasonable recommendation on difficult or contentious issues, and we appreciate their work.

I reviewed the details of the survey results and found it interesting how many respondents in the community survey were not Corvallis residents. Certainly there is a reasonable expectation that residents of certain communities would regularly shop in Corvallis. It is not reasonable to expect that residents of San Francisco, Bend, Sisters, Portland, or even Maine would shop here. Looking at the raw results it is not easy to determine what their positions would be on this issue, but certainly those 32 respondents who live outside a reasonable "shop local" distance could have skewed the results in one direction or another. Regardless, the community survey is clear that residents who self-selected to complete the survey are split on any effort to regulate plastic bags in Corvallis. There does not appear to be a clear mandate.

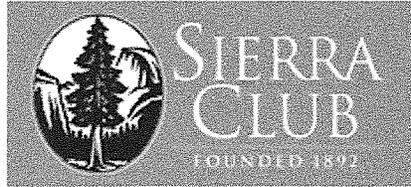
I think it is also important to note that local businesses, particularly retailers, have struggled in the down economy. Placing additional burdens on them that impact their already thin margins is not supportive of a healthy business climate, something Council has acknowledged is of importance to the City.

Further, not having resources to monitor or enforce an City ordinance makes enacting it an effort in futility. It makes no sense.

We support the staff recommendations to monitor legislation at the State level, and recommendations to work with the Sustainability Coalition to encourage alternates to plastic bags.

Thanks to the ASC for their request that the concerns of the residents of Corvallis and our local businesses voices be heard. We encourage you to support the staff recommendations on this issue.

Attachment 5



To: Administrative Services Committee

From: Marys Peak Group – Sierra Club

Date: May 9, 2012

RE: City Staff's Recommendation and Draft Ordinance

The Marys Peak Group – Sierra Club has 2,126 members. When we submitted an ordinance in November, we obtained more than 1,200 signatures of support on a petition. We now have 1,040 postcards in support of banning plastic checkout bags. Together this represents more than 4,000 individuals who are in support of an ordinance. We are concerned that our constituency of supporters will demand a ballot initiative if you accept City Staff's recommendation. This will compromise our ability to work with the city on an ordinance that both convey the needs of the city, and the desire of its citizens to eliminate plastic bags.

Accepting this recommendation, will mean you have failed to achieve what the City Council asked you to – a reduction in single-use plastic bags. There is popular support for an ordinance, and the public will continue to pursue it even if the City doesn't. The problem will not go away, especially if governments refuse to take responsibility. I suggest that you reject the City Staff's recommendation and ordinance.

Important Reason for the Ordinance

When we submitted the ordinance last November, we explained the environmental problems with single-use plastic.¹ Since you gave City Staff our ordinance, they lost sight of the original reason why we proposed it. In their documents (and in the stakeholder process), the environmental, or cost-saving, reasons for an ordinance was left out.²

Since our submission, the evidence for plastic's negative effect is growing. It has been discovered recently that the research community is likely underestimating the amount of plastic in the ocean.³ Researchers⁴ say the issue is "much bigger than 'Texas' ." They report that "scientists have only

¹Debra Higbee-Sudyka's City Council Testimony, November 7, 2011.

² For a list of supportive policy and environmental reasons for a Corvallis ordinance, see the attached City's adopted "Resolution 2011-06" and the Sierra Club's proposed ordinance "Encouraging Reusable Bags and Prohibiting The Use Of Single-Use Plastic Carryout Bags."

³ <http://californiawatch.org/dailyreport/plastic-pollution-ocean-likely-underestimated-researchers-say-15970>

⁴ From the Universities of Washington and Delaware and the Sea Education Association in Woods Hole, Mass.,

skimmed the surface on the devastating pollution caused by plastic debris in the ocean.”⁵ When you visit any Oregon beach, look down. You will find a line of plastic bits on the shoreline. This is reason enough to pass an ordinance, and Corvallis has the opportunity to take leadership on this pressing issue.

Enforcement and Implementation

The City Staff’s ordinance lacks enforcement, which they acknowledge causes it to be of “questionable value.” However enforcement is not the issue. The City has many ordinances that if they were fully enforced, the City would go broke. Even though ordinances cannot be fully enforced, they are effective. However, if they lack consequences for non-compliance they would be of little consequence. I spoke to Lisa Libby, Planning and Sustainability Director for Portland yesterday, and she said City staff never contacted her. She left me her number and encourages them to call.⁶ Lisa said that since they enacted the Portland ordinance, most stores have complied and the cost of enforcement has been negligible. The cost of implementation was also reasonable because they prepared for it and partnered with other non-profits and groups to help them.

Instead of researching how the ordinance could work, City Staff asked the City Attorney to list ways it can’t work. He came up with four costly enforcement scenarios. Lisa Libby said that Portland’s ordinance is citizen enforced, so it costs the city very little. Attorney Snyder submitted a letter explaining that the enforcement costs could be covered by the fines. He also noted that the “cost of implementing the Ordinance will be nothing more than the costs typical of passing any other ordinance.”⁷

Cost Requirement

City Staff asserts it does not have the authority to require a “pass-through cost”. This “cost requirement” is not a “fee” or “tax” it is already hidden in the cost of a patron’s purchase. The 5-cent fee is required to move people to reusable bags and compensate the retailer. Did the City research into how other cities do it? There are many cities that have passed a “cost requirement.” During the SB 536 hearings in Salem this issue was well vetted and discussed by constitutional lawyers and legislative council. Did the city staff reach out to legislative council given their vast research on the topic?

A pass-through cost makes apparent that nothing is free. It makes clear there is a cost to our disposable, throw-away lifestyle. For example, we toss out 7 pounds of trash a day; Corvallis spends money to manage it and only a small percent gets recycled. It has been estimated that per year Americans disposed of enough steel to level and restore Manhattan, and enough plastic film to shrink-wrap Texas.⁸

⁵ The research is published in the journal *Geophysical Research Letters*.
<http://www.agu.org/pubs/crossref/2012/2012GL051116.shtml>

⁶ Lisa Libby, Portland’s Planning and Sustainability Director, (503) 823-4045

⁷ March 19, 2012, Letter from Attorney Snyder, “Proposed Corvallis plastic Bag Ordinance – Implementation Cost Issues.”

⁸ “Garbology: Our Dirty Love Affair With Trash” by Edward Humes, by arrangement with Avery, a member of the Penguin Group (USA). Copyright © 2012 by Edward Humes.

Communities on average in America spend more money on waste management than on fire protection, parks and recreation, libraries or schoolbooks (according to U.S. Census data on municipal budgets).⁹ Waste is another word for money squandered, and if the City Staff had done research into this issue, and what other communities have done, they would be better informed on this request to ban single-use bags, which is a small but important piece of the waste puzzle.

City Staff's Proposed Ordinance

The City spent hundreds of hours working on surveys, holding stakeholder meetings, and gathering information. They proposed three options. They learned from their surveys, information and stakeholder meetings that the preferred option was Option #1 (a ban and 5-cent fee on paper). However, they choose the least favored Option #3 (voluntary programs); the option they admit was most often chosen by people who oppose Option 1 & 2.

The City Staff recommends you not pursue an ordinance of any kind. They want you to ask other groups to be responsible, like Sustainability Coalition's volunteers. And they want the state to be responsible and pass legislation, even though the State passed the buck to Cities by voting down legislation¹⁰. The City Staff refuses to take responsibility and wants to pass the buck.

Corvallis's Green Reputation

The City Staff's recommendation reveals that they are out of step with the citizens of Corvallis. Corvallis has won many "green awards." Corvallis was voted one of Sunset Magazine's favorite eco-friendly small towns.^{11, 12} The City of Corvallis is presented with the opportunity to live up to its reputation. Single-use disposable plastic checkout bags are not sustainable and we have the opportunity of following Portland's lead in banning them.

Respectfully,



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⁹ "Garbology: Our Dirty Love Affair With Trash" by Edward Humes, by arrangement with Avery, a member of the Penguin Group (USA). Copyright © 2012 by Edward Humes.

¹⁰ Senate Bill 536, a state-wide bill to ban plastic checkout bags, didn't make it out of committee even though it had wide support.

¹¹ See Attached "Corvallis's Green Credentials"

¹² <http://www.sunset.com/travel/earth-friendly-small-towns-00400000040153/>

Grappling With a Garbage Glut

We toss out 7 pounds of trash a day each, spending billions to manage it

By EDWARD HUMES

Each week, we push our trash to the curb, and it seemingly disappears. But where does it all go: the spent cartons of milk, the computer keyboard fried by spilled coffee, those empty dog food cans?

A team of researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology decided to find out. In 2009, they began attaching transmitter chips to thousands of pieces of ordinary garbage. They tossed this "smart trash" into the bin, sat back and watched the tortuous, disturbing path that our garbage often takes: the meanderings of electronic waste as it headed for distant shores, of ratty old sneakers that ran the equivalent of a dozen marathons, of printer cartridges that traversed the continent not once but twice on the road to recycling.

An estimated \$20 billion in valuable resources is locked up inside landfills each year.

This clever experiment threw a spotlight on the biggest, costliest, dirtiest secret about our garbage: our ignorance of how much we produce, what it contains and what happens to it once it leaves our hands.

Take the nation's official trash tally—used alike by environmentalists, businesses and policy makers—which maintains that the average American tosses out 4.4 pounds of trash a day, with about a third getting recycled and the rest going to landfills. These numbers are found in the Environmental Protection Agency's exhaustive annual compendium "Municipal Solid Waste in the United States"—America's trash Bible—and are determined by an array of byzantine estimates and simulations, based on manufacturing data and the life expectancy of products.

Our Annual Waste

19 billion pounds of polystyrene peanuts

40 billion plastic knives, forks and spoons

28 billion pounds of food

Enough steel to level and restore Manhattan

Enough plastic film to shrink-wrap Texas

Source: 'Garbology'

But the EPA's "materials flow analysis" dates back to the bad old days when there were 10 times the number of town dumps and many more illegal ones, with little actual weighing and

The U.S. doesn't have to handle trash this way. Other countries with big economies and high standards of living have rejected the disposable products that make up so much of America's garbage—in part because European countries hold manufacturers, not taxpayers, responsible for the costs of packaging waste. With that sort of incentive, toothpaste tubes need not come in redundant cardboard boxes and television sets can leave the store with no boxes at all. The average Dane makes four pounds of trash a day, according to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development; the average Japanese generates 2.5 pounds.

Other countries also are shunning landfills. Austria, the Netherlands, Sweden, Belgium and Denmark all send less than 4% of their garbage to landfills; Germany does no landfilling at all. Recycling rates there are two to three times America's, and the rest of their trash goes to waste-to-energy plants.

The preferred mode in Europe is to build not a few hugely expensive incineration behemoths but a larger number of smaller, community-based utilities that burn trash to provide electricity and heat through underground conduits. The technology in the newest plants limits toxic emissions of dioxins, a major issue with incinerators of the past, to levels similar to a backyard barbecue's. Carbon emissions are less than those emanating from landfills. One facility being built in Denmark will be hidden beneath a community ski park featuring three different slopes of various difficulties.

Both L.A. and New York City are considering major waste-to-energy projects, and Waste Management is experimenting with new technologies, including a test facility in Arlington, Ore., that uses a process known as plasma gasification. The technology vaporizes (but doesn't burn) garbage with arcs of electrical energy that heat matter inside their beam to 25,000 degrees. The process takes place in the absence of oxygen, so many of the normal, noxious byproducts of combustion aren't produced. Instead, out comes a synthetic gaseous fuel and a lump of shiny rock, not unlike volcanic glass, with toxins locked up inside in relative safety. This garbage death ray reduces trash volume by 99%, not even leaving ash behind—just 20 pounds of obsidian for every ton of trash disintegrated. The process is still too expensive to be commercial, but it shows promise.

Of course, the best way to reduce trash is to waste less in the first place. Cut out disposable plastic bags or bottled water. Buy used or refurbished electronics. Consider whether that thing you're buying will be treasured for years to come or discarded in a few months. The real sacrifice, even when it is invisible to most of us, is accumulating ever more things that quickly find their way to our costly, growing mountains of garbage.

—Adapted from "Garbology: Our Dirty Love Affair With Trash" by Edward Humes, by arrangement with Avery, a member of the Penguin Group (USA). Copyright © 2012 by Edward Humes.

A version of this article appeared April 14, 2012, on page C3 in some U.S. editions of The Wall Street Journal, with the headline: Grappling With a Garbage Glut.

Corvallis's Green Awards

The following are some of the awards and recognition that Corvallis has received for its environmental stewardship, sustainability, or community greenness.

1. Oregon State University has been named to the Princeton Review's 2012 Green Rating Honor Roll — the only university in Oregon to achieve the distinction.
2. Corvallis has received a 2010 Green Power Leadership Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
3. 2010 Oregon Sustainability Awards, The Corvallis Sustainability Coalition and First Alternative Co-op was one of six Oregon non-profit organizations and businesses that received the award for taking dramatic and comprehensive steps to incorporate sustainability into their operations.
4. 2008 Julian Award for Sustainability
5. 2008 League of Oregon Cities Award for Excellence for its organization-wide Sustainability Management System,
6. Corvallis is cited as the #1 city in America for green buildings per capita (Julie Cidell)
7. The September/October 2008 issue of AARP Magazine named Corvallis as having the third greenest commuters (percentage who bike or walk) and the third longest life expectancy at 80.93 years.
8. 2009 Corvallis was voted one of Sunset Magazine's favorite eco-friendly small towns.
9. 2009 Corvallis has increased its ranking to No. 1 on the EPA's national list of Green Power Communities.
10. The EPA updated its lists of Green Power Partners that completed the largest annual voluntary purchases through January 6, 2009.
11. 2008 The City of Corvallis received the Award of Excellence from the League of Oregon Cities for its organizational sustainability efforts.)
12. 2006 The Environmental Protection Agency presented the City with its National First Place Clean Water Act Recognition Award for Pretreatment Program Excellence for 0-5 Significant Industrial Users.
13. 2007 The City was recognized for its participation in the United States Mayors Climate Protection Summit
14. The September/October 2008 issue of AARP Magazine named Corvallis as having the third greenest commuters (percentage who bike or walk)
15. Country Home magazine named Corvallis as the 2008 Best Green Place to live in America.
16. 2008 Certificate of Environmental Stewardship
17. 2008 Certificate of Environmental Stewardship: Blue Sky Program, Corvallis was the first city on the west coast to receive this award.
18. The City of Corvallis recently received Corvallis Tourism's Gaea Award, which recognizes an entity who demonstrates excellence in ecological stewardship required for sustainable tourism
19. 2007 Corvallis places third for "Best Green Places"

RESOLUTION 2011- 06

Minutes of the April 4, 2011, Corvallis City Council meeting, continued.

A resolution submitted by Councilor Hervey.

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

WHEREAS, recycled content paper checkout 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, paper bags that are made with 40 percent or more recycled fiber provide a positive alternative to plastic bags; and

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

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

WHEREAS, enactment of such legislation will reduce waste and promote sustainability in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the Corvallis City Council has previously expressed support for the Community Sustainability Action Plan which includes encouraging reusable food bags and restricting plastic bags; and

WHEREAS, the Corvallis City Council's Community Sustainability Policy includes the goals of using resources efficiently, reducing demand for natural resources (such as energy, land, and water) as a first alternative to expanding supply and preventing additional pollution through planned, proactive measures, rather than only corrective action, focusing on solutions, rather than symptoms.

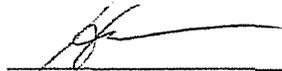
NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORVALLIS RESOLVES

Section 1. The City Council supports passage of a bill by the 2011 Legislature as follows:

- a. Prohibiting the use of single-use plastic and non-recycled paper checkout bags at all retail stores;
- b. Allowing retail stores to use paper checkout bags containing at least 40% recycled fiber; and
- c. Allowing retail stores to provide reusable bags to the customer either at no cost or for sale.

Section 2. In the event that the 2011 Legislature does not adopt legislation with provisions substantially similar to those listed in Section 1 of this resolution, the City Council may consider enacting a local ordinance regulating single-use plastic and non-recycled paper checkout bags, including prohibiting such bags, mandating recycling of such bags or other restriction methods.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.



Councilor

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing resolution was adopted, and the Mayor thereupon declared said resolution to be adopted.

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Attachment 6

May 9, 2012

Members of the Corvallis City Council
501 SW Madison Ave.
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Dear Mayor Manning and City Councilors:

Let's simply drop this idea of "banning" plastic bags.

City Council's responsibility is to operate within the powers given it by the people. This is providing and maintaining public infrastructure, police and fire protection as described in its charter while maintaining a balanced budget. "Bans" of things, such as plastic grocery bags, are private desires coming from small groups of citizens that don't like them.

Why should city government take away clean, convenient, safe, and useful items that people want and use? Let us consumers choose how we shop.

Corvallis retailers already effectively address carryout bag use. Some stores provide plastic bags; others provide paper bags, while still others offer both. Most retail outlets in Corvallis offer and promote the use of non-plastic "tote" bags.

Charging a fee only for certain bags and not other plastic bags or containers is too complicated and expensive to implement. As the Public Works staff noted, you may not have the legal authority to impose a fee that you do not collect.

Since I had shown in a written presentation to the full council last April 2 that plastic grocery bags recycle very well, the only challenge is to make people more aware as to how. That might only mean asking grocers and other retail outlets to make recycle bins more available and obvious with larger signs. Further, the City and Allied Waste could further educate the public that plastic bags don't go into commingled recycling bins.

The underlying premise for the idea of banning plastic bags is that they are somehow an environmental problem. Where is the evidence that this is so in Corvallis? Any such claim has been strictly anecdotal and virtually immeasurable. The fact is that litter is well managed in our clean and "sustainable" city.

Please, members of the City Council, manage your budget, provide needed services and worry less about "sustainability" in a city that is already proven that it has sustained itself extremely well since the mid 19th century.

Best regards,



Bruce Harmon
President