



# Single-Use Bag Waste Reduction Ordinance



**AGENDA**

**ITEM 7.1**



## Background:

April 23 Council directed staff to form a community stakeholders group to explore opportunities & challenges with single-use plastic bags.

Staff solicited the participation of our citizens and business community; Four workshops were held.

Oct. 22 Council was presented with the Stakeholder's recommendation to pursue a ban on single-use plastic bags with a mandatory charge for all single-use paper bags provided at checkout.

Tonight: First Reading of Proposed Ordinance

# Proposed Ordinance

- Prohibit distribution of single-use plastic bags and require stores charge a minimum of 10 cents for each recycled content paper bag or any reusable bag provided at check-out.
- Require stores to itemize on a customer's receipt the number of paper and reusable bags sold during a transaction; the store shall track the annual number of reusable bags as well as recycled content paper bags sold and revenue received from the sale of those bags on a form provided by the Town. Stores will be required to maintain records for a period of three years and have them available for inspection by the Town if requested.

**GOAL:** Reduce single-use bag consumption and waste in Truckee.

# Proposed Ordinance Continued...

- Exclude restaurants, take-out establishments or any business that receive 90% or more of their revenue from the sale of “prepared food”.
- Exclude single-use plastic bags for such uses as to protect large format artwork; tires; dry cleaning; produce, meat, and bulk items from grocery stores; small items such as beads and hardware where limited alternatives exist.
- Define allowable single-use recycled content paper bags as those manufactured with at least 40% post-consumer material, containing no old-growth fiber and are 100% recyclable.
- Define allowable reusable bags as those made of cloth or other machine washable fabric that has handles, or a durable plastic bag with handles that is at least 2.25mil thick and is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple uses.

# Implementation

Proposed implementation date of September 1, 2014 with outreach & education beginning immediately.



# Recommendation:

Council introduce and waive the first reading of ordinance 2013-05; determine the ordinance to be categorically exempt from CEQA and direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption.

