



## **Legislative & Rules Committee – Board of Representatives**

Benjamin Lee, Chair

Elise Coleman, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Thursday, September 20, 2018

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Democratic Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT

The Legislative & Rules Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Lee, Vice Chair Coleman and Committee Member Reps. Jacobson, Lion, Miller, Nabel, Pia and Zelinsky. Absent or excused was Rep. Fedeli. Also present were Reps. Morson and Sherwood and approximately 30 members of the public (see attached [public hearing sign-in sheet](#)).

Chair Lee called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
1. <a href="#">LR30.019</a>	<p>ORDINANCE <u>for public hearing and final adoption</u>; Restricting Single-Use Plastic Shopping Bags in Stamford. 12/07/17 – Submitted by Reps. Aquila, Coleman, Cottrell, de la Cruz, Fedeli, Giordano, Graziosi, Jacobson, Kolenberg, Lee, Lion, Lutz, Matherne, Michelson, Miller, Morson, Nabel, Patterson, Pendell, Pia, Saftic, Sherwood, Stella and Zelinsky 01/24/18 – Held in Committee 02/28/18 – Held in Committee 03/22/18 – Report Made &amp; Held in Committee 04/30/18 – Report Made &amp; Held in Committee 05/29/18 – Held by Committee, as amended 06/21/18 – Held by Committee, as amended <b>07/31/18 – Approved by Committee, 8-0-0</b></p>	<b>Approved as amended 8-0-0</b>

Chair Lee opened the public hearing. 15 members of the public spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance and 1 member of the public stated she would prefer a charge for plastic bags to a ban. David Michel read the [attached statement](#) into the record; Louis Burch provided the [attached statement](#) to be included in the record; and Eleanor Blomstrom read the [attached letter](#) into the record. There being no other members of the public wishing to speak, Chair Lee closed the public hearing at 7:37 p.m.

A motion to amend the Section 6.B of the ordinance to clarify the exemption for SNAP beneficiaries by changing the phrase “the retail sale” to “any retail sale” was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Lee, Coleman, Jacobson, Lion, Miller, Nabel, Pia and Zelinsky in favor.)

Several representatives spoke in favor of the proposed ordinance. Rep. Nabel noted that the Committee might consider in the future having the penalty funds be used to increase the supply of reusable bags in the City.

A motion to approve the ordinance for final adoption, as amended, was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 8-0-0 (Reps. Lee, Coleman, Jacobson, Lion, Miller, Nabel, Pia and Zelinsky in favor.)

2. LR30.044      REVIEW; Possibility of Creating Submission Deadlines      **Held 7-0-0**  
for Contracts that Need to be Voted on by the Board.  
09/07/18 – Submitted by Rep. Lutz

A motion to hold Item No. 2 was made, seconded and approved by a vote of 7-0-0 (Reps. Lee, Coleman, Lion, Miller, Nabel, Pia and Zelinsky in favor.)

Chair Lee adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Benjamin Lee, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#)