

From: [Lee, Benjamin](#)
To: [Alicia](#)
Cc: [Rosenson, Valerie](#)
Subject: Re: Plastic bag ban
Date: Saturday, September 15, 2018 11:31:22 AM

Dear Alicia,

Thank you for writing, and for your support for the ordinance we have drafted. We will certainly keep your comments in mind for our next steps.

I have cc'ed our Legislative Officer, Valerie Rosenson, and will make sure that this enters the record.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Best regards,

Ben

Benjamin Lee
Stamford Board of Representatives
District 15 Representative
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From: Alicia <alicia82danielle@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 14, 2018 8:56:05 PM
To: Lee, Benjamin
Subject: Plastic bag ban

Hello Mr. Lee,
I was hoping to attend the hearing but due to Northeast open house I cannot.

Yes! Please ban them! I always bring my reusable bags but before I can do no bag they already have my item in the bag. They cannot be recycled. They are a waste!

I volunteered for 4Oceans clean up and there were so many plastic bags on our beaches and in the marsh. Our environment and he animals deserve better!

Please instill an even higher charge of 50 cents a bag to include environmental clean up due to the damage plastic bags cause.

Stamford needs to be more environmentally conscious in our everyday decision. Our culture needs to change from discarded disposable waste to long term reusable items like bags.

I also would go a step further and ban the exorbitant amount of package organic and regular produce has! I don't know what changed but the industry has created a plastic nightmare.

Please read this for me so my voice is heard at the hearing. Thank you. Lifelong resident of Stamford Alicia

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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Jenn Nicks](#)
To: [Board of Representatives](#)
Subject: Leaf Pickup
Date: Sunday, September 16, 2018 8:36:48 PM

Dear Board of Representatives

If bagging leaves is environmentally better and saves the city money, then my neighbors and I can make the switch. We are not a bunch of complainers.

But I will complain about representatives who cut the budget and then try to block the city from saving the money with leaf-bagging, like the 3 reps in the article in the paper. Anyone who complains about bagging leaves after cutting the budget is just another irresponsible short-sighted politician. I'm sure it makes you feel more popular to cater to the loud complainers, but you need to make good decisions, not hypocritical decisions.

From: [Ronny Kaplan](#)
To: [Board of Representatives](#)
Subject: Plastic Bag Ordinance
Date: Sunday, September 16, 2018 9:10:34 PM

Committee Members:

I strongly support the plastic ban ordinance, which requires a charge for a paper bag. Banning plastic bags would serve many important environmental goals at minimum or no cost to the City. Minimizing plastic bag use would help to reduce the use of oil which is required to manufacture the plastic bags; reduce the greenhouse gases generated by their manufacture; and minimize unsightly plastics bags in our trees, on our streets, parks, rivers, and LI Sound. It would also reduce the impact on wildlife, particularly marine animals, some of which mistakenly consume the plastic and sicken and die.

The charge for a paper bag would provide an incentive for consumers to bring their own reusable bags and minimize the number of paper bags being used. Without a charge for paper bags there would be a large increase in paper bag use, which creates its own environmental problems.

Thank you for your consideration,

Ronny Kaplan
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From: [Bob Lion](#)
To: [Rosenson, Valerie](#)
Subject: Fwd: to the Bd of Reps Office
Date: Sunday, September 16, 2018 1:30:38 PM

Please forward as requested below. Thanks.

From: Judith Liebeskind <judyliebeskind@optonline.net>
Date: September 16, 2018 at 1:16:05 PM EDT

Subject: to the Bd of Reps Office

Please circulate this letter to the members of the Bd of Reps. Thank you.

Women On Watch (WOW) is a group of women activists who take positions on important issues. One of these issues is to work towards a cleaner environment.

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Without a charge for paper bags there would be a large increase in paper bag use. Increased paper bag use creates its own environmental problems which include heavy loads of paper bags being shipped in trucks, adding additional trucks to our overcrowded highways and the attendant increased gasoline use and tailpipe emissions that would go along with that. Increased use of paper bags would be a burden on retailers, who would have to store and manage these heavy, bulky items.

Plastic ban programs is successful in many towns and cities. Consumers routinely bring their own bags, and are happy to be contributing to doing something good for the environment at little to no expense and effort.

Please support the hybrid plastic bag ban with a charge for paper bags. Thank you.

Judy Liebeskind
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Stamford, CT 06903

From: [Evelyn Avoglia](#)
To: [Board of Representatives](#)
Subject: Re: Plastic Bag Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 12:53:41 PM

Dear Representatives of the residents of Stamford,

I am a resident of Stamford and I strongly support the plastic ban ordinance, the hybrid model, which requires a charge for the paper bag. Banning plastic bags would serve many important environmental goals at minimum or no cost to the City. Minimizing plastic bag use would help to reduce the use of oil which is required to manufacture the plastic bags; reduce the greenhouse gases generated by their manufacture; and minimize unsightly plastics bags in our trees, on our streets, parks, rivers, and LI Sound. It would also reduce the impact on wildlife, particularly marine animals, some of which mistakenly consume the plastic and sicken and die.

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Peace & Wellbeing,
Evelyn Avoglia, a.k.a Dr. Ev

From: [Jim & Vi Coats](#)
To: [Board of Representatives](#)
Subject: Plastic Bag Ban Ordinance, Public Hearing on September 20, 2018
Date: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 10:34:21 PM

To the Stamford Board of Representatives;

As Stamford residents for over 30 years we are writing this letter to express our views as we are unable to attend the meeting being held September 20, 2018. We have an ongoing and growing concern about this subject and want to express to you our support for a ban on single use plastic bags and a charge for paper bags. Understanding that habits are hard to change we applaud the efforts by other concerned citizens to promote this thoughtful, environmentally positive ban. This type of ordinance has already been adopted in many cities and towns across the US. In the examples already in place that bans single use plastic bags, it has been shown to have an effective environmental impact on litter and cleaner waterways.

I urge you as a body to vote yes and pass this much needed ordinance.

Thank you for your work to keep Stamford the city we all can enjoy for generations to come.

Sincerely, James and Violet Coats

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From: [Alexandra Eisenberg](#)
To: [Rosenson, Valerie](#); [Lee, Benjamin](#); [jonathanjacobson53@gmail.com](#)
Cc: [amykantrowitz@gmail.com](#); [Eleanor Blomstrom](#); [sharongk@optonline.net](#); [mjhiler@hotmail.com](#); [Reina Di Nino](#); [abdepeter@yahoo.com](#); [mayanoren1@gmail.com](#); [amandadec@me.com](#); [Peter Wolly](#); [Dana Horowitz](#); [evemblock@gmail.com](#); [Brook Manewal](#); [mspenelope_m@yahoo.co.uk](#); [Wendi Hoak](#); [Caroline Simmons](#)
Subject: Plastic Bag Ban Public Comments
Date: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 10:15:00 AM

Dear Stamford Board of Representatives -

We are thrilled to hear that Stamford is seriously considering joining our neighboring towns of Westport and Greenwich in banning single use plastic bags at all retail stores.

We fully support this effort, as well as charging any customers for a paper bag (made from post consumer recycled paper) if they do not bring their own bags to the store. We feel the bag charge should go back to the store to cover the cost of this recycled paper bag. We strongly feel this is a necessary incentive to encourage people to change their habits. Soon bringing reusable bags to the store will be second nature, the same as bringing a wallet.

In addition, we support the exception to this charge for any shoppers participating in SNAP or WIC or other governmental food assistance programs.

Thank you,
Alexa Eisenberg
Amy Irish
Eleanor Blomstrom
Sharon Kaplow
Melissa Fay
Reina Di Nino
Aileen O'Sullivan
Maya Noren
Amanda Dec
Peter Wolly
Dana Horowitz
Eve Block
Brook Manewal
Penny Osmond
Wendi Hoak

From: [Michael and Linda](#)
To: [Board of Representatives](#)
Subject: Plastic Bag Ban Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 6:23:46 PM

I urge Board members to support this legislation. The proposed ordinance is a good compromise measure to reduce the non-degradable plastic that is ever present in our streets, parks and oceans. It never dies. My husband and I have been bringing our own own re-usable shopping bags for years. It is so disturbing to see a shopping cart filled with yellow plastic bags being wheeled out of a supermarket when with little effort this waste could be curtailed. Consumers just need a push and this legislation would be of great benefit.

Linda Grossberg
Brandt Road

From: [Libbey Junius](#)
To: [Board of Representatives](#)
Subject: Plastic Bag Ban
Date: Tuesday, September 18, 2018 9:25:29 PM

To whom it may concern,
I am not able to attend the meeting regarding the ban of plastic shopping bags Stamford, however, I strongly agree with the ordinance.

The number of people whose shopping carts are filled with plastic bags is simply wasteful and lazy.

The rest of the world is so far ahead of the United States in making an effort to eliminate waste and the use of plastic. I lived in Ireland 13 years ago and even then, consumers were required to pay for the use of plastic bags. Looking around, everyone made an effort to bring their own bags whether it was a reusable grocery bag, back pack, and even suit cases for some students!

The United States prides itself as a global leader. It's time we step up and join the rest of the world in the effort to eliminate waste & pollution. This is such a small and simple change which could have a significant impact when rolled out across the country.

Stamford has the opportunity to set an example for town across CT and neighboring states to make a difference.

Elizabeth Junius