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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF STAMFORD
BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES**



Notice is hereby given that the Legislative & Rules Committee of the Board of Representatives of the City of Stamford will hold a public hearing on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Democratic Caucus Room, 4th Floor, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT to consider the following proposed ordinance approved for publication at the September 4, 2018 Regular Board Meeting. Anyone wishing to be heard is invited to attend and speak. Printed copies are available for inspection in the office of the Board of Representatives, 4th Floor, Government Center, 888 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, Connecticut or at www.boardofreps.org.

**SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE SUPPLEMENTAL
CONCERNING NON-BIODEGRADABLE DISPOSABLE
CARRYOUT BAGS**

This ordinance adds a new section to the Stamford Code of Ordinances regarding the sale or distribution of disposable bags provided to consumers to carry out purchases from a retail establishment. This ordinance applies to any retail store, food truck, sidewalk vendor, farmers' market, flea market or restaurant in the City of Stamford.

The ordinance 1) prohibits the sale or distribution of disposable plastic bags; 2) requires disposable paper bags be 100% recyclable and contain a minimum of 40% post-consumer recycled content; 3) requires that any retail establishment providing disposable paper bags as described above charge \$0.10 for each such bag provided and indicate the charge on the sales receipt. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the charge for disposable paper bags shall not apply to bags use to carry items purchased pursuant to the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program or a similar governmental food assistance program.

The ordinance does not apply to 1) bags used by consumers inside stores to package bulk items; wrap frozen foods, meat, or fish; wrap flowers, potted plants, or other items where dampness may be a problem; segregate food or merchandise that could damage or contaminate other food or merchandise when placed together in a bag; or contain unwrapped prepared foods or bakery goods; 2) 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; 3) Bags brought by customers to a retail establishment for their own use; or 4) Plastic liners that are permanently affixed, or designed and intended to be permanently affixed, to the inside of a particular bag.

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Civil Citation process and a fine of \$250 per violation shall be imposed on any violation after an initial written warning.

This ordinance shall become operative six months after its effective date.

This document is prepared for the benefit of the public, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation. This document does not represent the intent of the legislative body of the City of Stamford for any purpose.

Attest:
Benjamin Lee, Chair, Legislative & Rules Committee
Susan Nabel, Clerk, 30th Board of Representatives

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