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# Bring Your Own Bag Update



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- **December 2019**
  - To reduce the use of single-use plastic and waste, council passed the Bring Your Own Bag ordinance encouraging shoppers to bring their own bags, or skip the bag, to avoid paying a \$0.10 fee on single-use plastic or paper bags
  - The law was to go into effect July 1, 2020
  - Administration and rule-making was placed into DOTI where Solid Waste is housed
- **May 2020**
  - Due to the pandemic and city staff being redirected, council delayed implementation to July 1, 2021
- **July 2020**
  - Office of Climate Action, Sustainable and Resiliency (CASR) officially created
- **February 2021**
  - Waste *policy* moved from DOTI to CASR (though Solid Waste management/implementation stays in DOTI)

- Repeals the state prohibition on local governments regulating and banning plastics
- Requires local governments to impose a \$0.10 fee on single-use plastic and paper bags
- Phase out single-use plastic shopping bags by 2024 statewide, while maintaining the \$0.10 fee on single-use paper bags
- Bans polystyrene (Styrofoam) for ready-to-eat food

# Updating Bring Your Own Bag

- Move the Bring Your Own Bag program from DOTI to CASR by repealing original ordinance housing it in DOTI (Article IV of Chapter 48)
- Re-enacting it in Article IV of Chapter 2 of the DRMC and moving it into CASR
- Changing retail store remittance of fees from monthly to quarterly to align with state law
- Move penalties out of general administration and into this section

***Bring Your Own Bag goes into effect July 1, 2021***

