

# **Environmental Health Services Pollution Prevention Program**

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## **Reusable Bag Ordinance**

### STARTS APRIL 22, 2013

What the Ordinance Does: Businesses Affected:

Prohibits the distribution of single-use carry out bags. All retail establishments located within the unincorporated County and within cities that have adopted the Ordinance. Retailers include those that sell perishable or non-perishable goods including, but not limited to, food, clothing and personal items.

Key Rules to Comply: customers.

- 1. Do not provide single-use plastic carry-out bags to
- Retailers may only provide customers with a recycled paper bag or reusable bag and charge a minimum of 10 cents for each one. Starting January 1, 2015, the minimum fee increases to 25 cents per bag. (A waiver for WIC, EBT, and CalFresh customers is allowed.)
  - The fee is <u>exempt from sales tax</u> and is kept by the retailer and shown on the receipt.
  - Maintain records of the fees charged for minimum of 3 years.

**Purpose:** 

To protect the local environment by reducing litter and promoting the use of reusable bags as an alternative to disposables.

**Exemptions from Ordinance:** 

Restaurants and nonprofit charitable reuse organizations. Produce and meat bags, garment cleaning bags and pharmaceutical bags.

**Enforcement:** 

Division.

By inspectors from the County's Environmental Health

- Fines begin at \$100 and increase up to \$500, per violation.
- Compliance assistance is available at no charge.
  Call 650-372-6200.

More Information:

#### smchealth.org/bagban

- Complete ordinance language
- Environmental Impact Report
- Updated list of cities that have adopted the ordinance
- List of recycled-content paper bag vendors
- Printable outreach materials to educate consumers
- Options for recycling or donating single use plastic bag inventory

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## 環保袋條例

### 2013 年 4 月 22 日開始執行

取 10 美分。

**條例目的:** 禁止分發一次性塑膠手提袋。

受影响的商户: 所有位於直轄縣和已採用此條例城市內的零售商,包括銷售易腐或

非易腐商品的零售商,包括並且不限於食物、衣物和個人物品。

**需遵守的關鍵細則:** 1. 不要向顧客提供一次性塑膠手提袋。

2. 零售商只可向顧客提供再生紙袋或環保袋並且每個袋子最少收 從2015年1月1日開始,每個袋子的最低收費將增加至25美分。

(可免除對參與 WIC、EBT、和 CalFresh 計劃顧客的收費)。

• 免除的費用將從銷售稅中扣除,由零售商收取,並在收

據中顯示。

• 該收費的記錄最少保留3年。

**目的:** 通過提倡使用環保袋作為一次性塑膠袋的替代品可減少垃圾和

保護當地環境。

條例豁免: 餐館和非營利慈善環保機構。

農產品和肉類包裝袋、服裝清潔袋和藥品包裝袋。

**執行機構:** 由縣環境衛生部監察員執行。

• 每次違反條例的罰金最少為 100 美元,最高 500 美元。

免費提供遵守條例的協助, 請致電 650-372-6200。

更多資料: smchealth.org/bagban

• 完整的條例

• 環境影響報告

• 採用此條例城市的最新名單

• 再生紙袋供應商名單

• 用於教導消費者的可列印宣傳資料

• 回收或捐贈現有的一次性塑膠袋的選擇

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