

MOTION

Today the City is considering moving forward with a plan to reduce and phase out the use of single-use carry-out bags; this plan will result in a dramatic reduction of litter in our environment, and will help move the City towards more sustainable practices. It is important that this plan be carefully constructed to ensure that it is effective and that it includes a robust public education period. To that end, the City should enact a program to:

- Allow large retailers a six month phase-out period before banning plastic single-use bags;
- Allow small retailers a twelve month phase-out period before banning plastic single-use bags;
- Require all retailers to charge 10 cents per paper bag beginning one year after enactment of the program and thereafter; and
- Instruct the Bureau of Sanitation to report back 2 years after enactment of the program with a progress report and recommendations to strengthen and expand the program.

I THEREFORE MOVE, that the matter of the Energy and Environment Committee Report relative to the adoption of a policy to ban single-use bags in the City, Item 10 of today's agenda (CF 11-1531), BE AMENDED to make the following changes to recommendations 1 and 2 of the Committee Report:

1. APPROVE a Citywide policy to examine a project that would ban plastic single-use carryout bags in retailers as included in the Board of Public Works Report (Board) dated September 16, 2011, subject to the following implementation schedule, and would require retailers to provide reusable bags to consumers for sale or at no charge:
 - a. Upon adoption of the project's related ordinance, ~~the ban takes effect for large retailers (as specified in the Board's report) which shall include a public education component~~ *provide for a six months grace period for large retailers (as specified in the Board's report) which shall include a public education component and allow retailers to phase-out product stock. The ban takes effect for large retailers upon completion of the grace period.*
 - b. Upon adoption of the project's related ordinance, provide for a ~~six months~~ *one year* grace period for small retailers (as specified in the Board's report) which shall include a public education component and allow retailers to phase-out product stock. The ban takes effect for small retailers upon completion of the grace period.
2. APPROVE a Citywide policy to examine a project that would ~~ban the use of~~ *mandate a charge on* paper single-use carryout bags in specified retailers, subject to the following implementation schedule:
 - a. Upon adoption of the project's related ordinance, provide for a ~~six months~~ *one year* grace period for retailers during which paper bags that are 100 percent recyclable and have at least 40 percent post-consumer content shall be provided at no cost to consumers for the purposes of carrying out their purchases; this period shall include a public education component.



- b. Upon the completion of the ~~six months~~ *one year* grace period, retailers shall charge ten cents per paper bag for ~~six months~~. Retailers may use this period to ~~phase out product stock~~.
- e. ~~Upon the completion of the ten cents per paper bag period, the ban takes effect on retailers.~~

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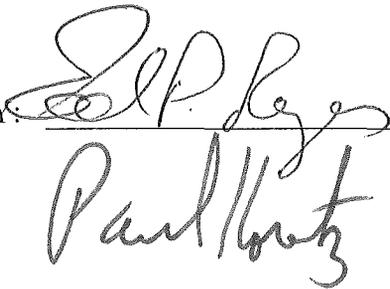


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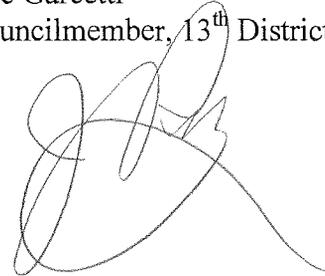


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