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Single-Use Plastic Bag Ban

By-Law Effective:
December 31, 2010

Enforcement

1. A designated officer may enter any retail business establishment and may make examinations, investigations and inquiries for enforcement purposes.
2. Every person or retail business who fails to comply with the provisions of this By-Law shall be subject to a fine, as established in the City of Thompson Fee and Fine Schedule, as it exists, or as amended.
3. Where a contravention continues for more than one day, the person or retail business shall be subject to a separate fine for each day such contravention continues.



Remember to bring your own
reusable bags



By-Law Number 1839-2010

No person shall sell or provide single-use plastic bags free of charge or allow single-use plastic bags to be sold or provided free of charge.

No person employed by or acting on behalf of a person carrying on a retail business shall sell or provide single-use plastic bags free of charge or allow single-use plastic bags to be sold or provided free of charge.

Nothing in this by-law shall preclude owners of retail businesses from making alternatives to single-use plastic bags, such as reusable containers and bags, available for sale or free of charge to customers.

No retail business shall deny the use of any reusable container by a customer for the transport of purchased items.

Definitions

single-use plastic bag

any bag made with less than 2.25 mils thick polyethylene, including biodegradable bags.



reusable container

other than a single-use plastic bag, a bag, box or other container that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse that is:

1. made of cloth or other machine washable fabric;
2. or made of other durable material suitable for reuse.



Exceptions

Retailer's can provide:

bags used by customers

inside retail business establishments to package bulk items such as fruit, vegetables, nuts, grains, candy or small hardware items such as nails and bolts.



bags used to protect

prepared foods or bakery goods; i.e. those used by restaurants.



bags used to contain

or wrap frozen foods, meat or fish, flowers or potted plants, whether pre-packaged or not.

door-hanger bags

designed to hold flyers, coupons or other advertisements and intended to be left on the door of homes.



bags provided

by pharmacists to contain prescription drugs.

laundry-dry cleaning bags



bags sold in packages

containing multiple bags intended to be used for garbage bags, pet waste bags, yard waste bags, or recycling bags.