

## Single-Use Bag Fee

Ordinance 23-19

## **Updated October 1, 2023**

- > Retailers and restaurants may no longer provide single-use plastic bags, or paper bags made from less than 100% post-consumer recycled material.
- > Retailers may still offer paper bags made from 100% post-consumer recycled material for a fee of \$0.25 per bag.
- > Restaurants may still offer paper bags made from 100% post-consumer recycled material at no charge.
- > Businesses may continue to distribute existing paper bag inventory beyond the October 1, 2023 effective date, even if the bags are not made of 100% post-consumer recycled materials. This exemption will expire on July 1, 2024 with state requirements under House Bill 21-1162: Plastic Pollution Reduction Act.
- > Retail stores may now retain 40% of each bag fee collected, with the remaining fees to be remitted to the Town on a quarterly basis. There are no longer quarterly maximums of the retained percent, and there are no changes to how the retained percent can be used.

