



## TOWN OF DOVER

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### CERTIFICATE OF VOTE

This is to certify that the 2019 Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Dover was held at the Lindquist Commons Building at the Dover-Sherborn Regional High School in Dover on May 6, 2019. The meeting was duly called to order by the Moderator on the 6th day of May, 2019 at 7:26 PM and held pursuant to the warrant therefore issued by the Selectmen on the 28th day of February, 2019 and duly served in accordance with Town bylaws, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

**The following action was taken with respect to this article of the Warrant. The article reads as follows:**

Article 25. Amend Part II of the General Bylaws – a Ban on the Commercial Use/Distribution of Plastic Bags (Citizens' Petition) To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of Dover to ban the commercial use of plastic bags in accordance with the proposed amendment language on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Main Motion:**

**It was moved by Stephanie Kube and seconded by John Kube that the Town vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of Dover, by inserting a new Section, entitled "Plastic Bag Ban", as shown in the document on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, and authorizing the Town Clerk to make non-substantive changes in the numbering of the bylaw necessary to maintain the numbering format of the Dover Town Code.**

**Secondary Motion:**

**It was moved by Stephanie Kube and seconded by John Kube that Town Meeting authorize the following students of Dover-Sherborn Regional Middle School, Nicolas Kube, Nicco Ban, Mathew Darin, and Christian Casale, to address the body for the purpose of discussing this Citizens' Petition Article regarding plastic bags.**

The secondary motion was put to an electronic vote and passed by a majority.

The main motion was put to an electronic vote and passed by a majority.

Felicia S. Hoffman, CMMC  
Town Clerk  
May 10, 2019

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ATTEST:

  
TOWN CLERK OF DOVER

## Article 25 - Plastic Bag Ban

### Section 1: Purpose and Intent

The production and use of Thin Film Single Use Plastic Bags have detrimental impacts on the environment, wildlife and natural beauty of Dover. This includes the potential death of marine life through ingestion and entanglement, along with adding to the immense pollution of land and sea ecosystems. Also, it burdens solid waste collection and recycling facilities, clogs storm drains, and require millions of barrels of crude oil for their manufacturing. The purpose of this bylaw is to ban the use of Thin Film Single Use Plastic Bags by all retail stores and restaurants in the town of Dover.

### Section 2: Definitions

2.1 *Reusable Checkout Bag*: a bag with handles that is specifically designed for multiple use and is made of thick plastic, cloth, fabric, or other durable materials.

2.2 *Thin Film Single Use Plastic Bags*: bags with a thickness of 2.5 mm or less and are intended for single use transport of purchase products.

### Section 3: Regulations

3.1 Thin Film Single Use Plastic Bags shall not be distributed or sold for checkout or other purposes at any retail stores or restaurants within the town of Dover, MA.

3.2 Customers are encouraged to bring their own Reusable Checkout Bag. As well, retail stores and restaurants are strongly encouraged to provide Reusable Checkout Bags for sale at a reasonable price.

3.3 Thin Film Single Use Plastic Bags without handles that are used to contain produce, meat, bulk foods, wet items, newspapers, dry cleaning, and other similar merchandise will not be subject to this bylaw.

### Section 4: Enforcement

4.1 This Bylaw shall go into effect three months after approval by the Attorney General, giving businesses time to prepare for and adjust to the change.

4.2 The Town Administrator shall be responsible for the enforcement of this Bylaw. He/she will determine the inspection process, incorporating the process into other town duties as appropriate.

4.3 The Town Administrator shall be authorized to permit a six-month implementation waiver for extenuating circumstances upon request as he/she sees fit.