

**ORDINANCE NO. 3001-13**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE AMENDING CHAPTER 5.38 (PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS) OF TITLE 5 (BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS) OF THE SUNNYVALE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATED TO SINGLE-USE CARRYOUT BAGS**

NOW THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUNNYVALE DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. SECTION 5.38.010 AMENDED. Section 5.38.040 of Chapter 5.38 (Plastic Carryout Bags) of Title 5 (Business Licenses and Regulations) of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

**5.38.010 Definitions.**

The following definitions apply to this Chapter:

(1) – (2) [Text Unchanged]

(4) “Permitted carryout bag” means a recyclable paper carryout bag or a reusable bag.

(4) – (8) [Text unchanged; renumber consecutively (4) – (9)]

(10) “Reusable bag” means a bag with handles that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse and meets all of the following requirements: (1) meets the EcoLogo ATP-001 standard for durability Dynamic Test with a minimum of 1500 cycles of testing; (2) meets the EcoLogo ATP-001 standard for durability Capacity Test with a minimum volume of 15 liters; (3) is machine washable or is made from a material that can be cleaned or disinfected; (4) does not contain lead, cadmium, or any other heavy metal in toxic amounts as determined by testing using State methods following the Model Toxics in Packaging Legislation; (5) has printed on the bag, or on a tag that is permanently affixed to the bag, the name of the manufacturer, the location (country) where the bag was manufactured, a statement that the bag does not contain lead, cadmium, or any other heavy metal in toxic amounts, and the percentage of postconsumer recycled material used, if any; and (6) if made of plastic, is a minimum of at least 2.25 mils thick as measured according to ASTM D6988-08 or ISO 4593-1993 or ISO 4591:1992 standards.

The Director of Environmental Services or his or her designee is authorized to approve alternate testing methods meeting this section’s requirements provided that the proposed testing standards satisfactorily comply with the intent, quality and effectiveness in order to meet the purposes of this Chapter.

(11) “Store” means any of the following retail establishments located within the City limits of the City of Sunnyvale:

(1) A full-line, self-service retail store with gross annual sales of two million dollars (\$2,000,000), or more, that sells a line of dry grocery, canned goods, or nonfood items and some perishable items;

(2) A store of at least 10,000 square feet of retail space that sells any perishable or non-perishable goods including, but not limited to,

clothing, food, or personal items, and generates sales or use tax pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law (Part 1.5 (commencing with Section 7200) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code);

(3) A drug store, pharmacy, supermarket, grocery store, convenience food store, foodmart, or other entity engaged in the retail sale of a limited line of goods that includes milk, bread, soda, and snack foods, including those stores with a Type 20 or 21 license issued by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control; or

(4) A store or other location of less than 10,000 square feet of retail space that sells any perishable or non-perishable goods including, but not limited to, clothing, food, or personal items, and generates sales or use tax pursuant to the Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law (Part 1.5 (commencing with Section 7200) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code), including temporary events and mobile vendors operating without a fixed place of business.

SECTION 2. SECTION 5.38.040 AMENDED. Section 5.38.040 of Chapter 5.38 (Plastic Carryout Bags) of Title 5 (Business Licenses and Regulations) of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

**5.38.040 Regulation of permitted carryout bags.**

(a) (1) Any store that provides a permitted carryout bag to a customer must charge the customer a minimum of 10 cents (\$0.10) for each bag provided, except as otherwise provided in this Chapter.

(2) The minimum charge for permitted carryout bags set forth in 5.38.040.A shall be adjusted as of July 1, 2014 and annually on July 1 thereafter to reflect changes in the San Francisco/Oakland/San Jose Metropolitan Area Consumer Price Index (All Urban Consumers: 1982-84 = 100) (CPI-U), or successor index compiled and published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The index level as of December 2012 (i.e. 239.533) shall be the base index and shall be compared with the index in subsequent years. The minimum charge will be adjusted only when the percentage change from the base index would result in a difference of at least \$0.05 in the minimum charge. In no event shall the adjustment exceed \$0.05 per year.

(b) No store shall rebate or otherwise reimburse a customer any portion of the charge required in Subsection A, except as otherwise provided in this Chapter.

(c) All stores must indicate on the customer receipt the number of recyclable paper carryout bags provided and the total amount charged for the bags.

(d) All stores must retain a complete and accurate record or documents showing the total number of recyclable paper carryout bags provided, the total number of reusable bags provided and the total amount of monies collected for providing recyclable paper carryout bags and reusable bags, and a summary of any efforts a store has undertaken to promote the use of reusable bags by customers. Records will include permitted carryout bags provided free of charge per the exemptions in 5.38.060. Such information must be retained for a minimum period of three years from the date of purchase and made available upon request at no cost to the Director of Environmental Services.

(e) If the reporting required in Subsection (d) is not timely submitted by a store, such store shall be subject to the fines set forth in Section 5.38.080.

SECTION 3. SECTION 5.38.060 AMENDED. Section 5.38.060 of Chapter 5.38 (Plastic Carryout Bags) of Title 5 (Business Licenses and Regulations) of the Sunnyvale Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:

**5.38.060 Exemptions.**

All stores must provide at the point of sale, free of charge, permitted carryout bags to any customer participating in the California Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children pursuant to Article 2 (commencing with Section 123275) of Chapter 1 of Part 2 of Division 106 of the Health and Safety Code or in the Supplemental Food Program pursuant to Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 15500) of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, or in Calfresh pursuant to Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 18900) of Part 6 of Division 9 of the California Welfare and Institutions Code.

(b) This Chapter shall not apply to a charitable organization, as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or a distinct operating unit or division of the charitable organization, that reuses and recycles donated goods or materials and receives more than fifty percent (50%) of its revenues from the handling and sale of those donated goods or materials.

SECTION 4. CONSTITUTIONALITY; SEVERABILITY. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

SECTION 5. CEQA–COMPLIANCE. As part of the process of adopting the single use carryout bag ordinance, the City has analyzed the environmental effects of this ordinance, certified a program Environmental Impact Report on December 13, 2011, and made necessary findings required by the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code §§ 21000 *et. seq.*; “CEQA”). The City finds that adoption of this ordinance is within the scope of the program EIR and no new environmental documentation is required.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect thirty (30) days from and after the date of its adoption.

SECTION 7. POSTING AND PUBLICATION. The City Clerk is directed to cause copies of this ordinance to be posted in three (3) prominent places in the City of Sunnyvale and to cause publication once in *The Sun*, the official newspaper for publication of legal notices of the City of Sunnyvale, of a notice setting forth the date of adoption, the title of this ordinance, and a list of places where copies of this ordinance are posted, within fifteen (15) days after adoption of this ordinance.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council held on August 13, 2013, and adopted as an ordinance of the City of Sunnyvale at a regular meeting of the City Council held on August 27, 2013 by the following vote:

AYES: SPITALERI, GRIFFITH, MOYLAN, WHITTUM, MEYERING, MARTIN-MILIUS, DAVIS

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

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City Clerk  
Date of Attestation: \_\_\_\_\_

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Mayor

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney