

Plastic Bag Ordinance Details

Municipality	Status	Effective date	Stores covered?	Ban on plastic?	Charge on paper?	Paper bag definition	Allows compostable plastic bags?	Reusable bag definition (actual text)	CEQA document
CA - City of Manhattan Beach	Adopted, not implemented	Adopted July 2008 (currently being litigated)	stores	YES	NO	contains no old growth fiber, 100% recyclable overall (min 40% post-consumer recycled content), labeled "Reusable" and "Recyclable"	NO	"Reusable Bag" means a bag with handles that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse and is either: (1) made of cloth or other machine washable fabric; or (2) made of other durable material suitable for reuse.	Negative Declaration
CA - County of Los Angeles	Adopted, not implemented	July 1, 2011 for large retailers, Jan. 1, 2012 for remaining stores	supermarkets, pharmacies, grocery stores, drug stores, convenience stores, and stores that sell food, including liquor stores that sell food	YES	10 cents	contains no old growth fiber, 100% recyclable overall (min 40% post-consumer recycled content), labeled "Recyclable", capable of composting, is accepted for recycling curbside, name and location of manufacturer and % post-consumer recycled material printed on bag	NO	"Reusable bag" means a bag with handles that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse and meets all of the following requirements: (1) has a minimum lifetime of 125 uses, which for purposes of this subsection, means the capability of carrying a minimum of 22 pounds 125 times over a distance of at least 175 feet; (2) has a minimum volume of 15 liters; (3) is machine washable or capable of being cleaned and disinfected; (4) does not contain lead, cadmium, or any other heavy metal in toxic amounts as defined by applicable State and Federal standards and regulations for packaging or reusable bags; (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.	EIR
CA - City and County of San Francisco	Proposed (introduced 11/15/10)	n/a	stores	YES	10 cents for paper <u>and</u> reusable bags	contains no old growth fiber, 100% recyclable content (min 40% post-consumer recycled content), labeled "Reusable" and "Recyclable", % post-consumer recycled material printed on bag	YES	"Reusable Bag" means a bag with handles that is made of cloth or other fabric and/or durable plastic that is at least 2.25 mils thick, and specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse. "Specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse" means capable of 125 or more uses carrying 22 or more pounds over a distance of at least 175 feet, machine washable, and labeled "Reusable" on the front and/or back of the bag in lettering at least one inch in height.	not determined
Washington DC	Adopted & implemented	effective Jan. 1, 2010	any store that sells food, restaurants	NO	5 cents for paper <u>and</u> plastic	100% recyclable, min 40% post-consumer recycled content, display the phrase "Please Recycle This Bag"	n/a	"Reusable carryout bag" means a bag with handles that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse and is made of cloth, fiber, other machine washable fabric, or durable plastic that is at least 2.25 millimeters thick.	n/a