CITY OF LAFAYETTE

Plastic Bag Ordinance Begins July 1, 2015

TO HELP KEEP PLASTIC POLLUTION OUT OF OUR NEIGHBORHOODS, CREEKS AND BAY

no MORE SINGLE-USE plastic BAGS

so bring YOUR own reusable BAG

or pay 10¢ FOR a paper BAG

Select businesses are required to charge a minimum of 10¢ per paper checkout bag. All other retail stores and restaurants can no longer distribute plastic bags for carryout, however these businesses may provide paper carryout bags free of charge. (See reverse for more details)
What businesses must charge me for a bag?
Select businesses are required to charge a minimum charge of 10¢ per checkout bag (compostable bags, recycled paper bags, or reusable bags). These include:

- Grocery Stores & Markets
- Pharmacies
- Convenience Stores
- Liquor Stores

Other retail and public eating establishments are not required to charge for bags.

How can I avoid the 10¢ charge?
Customers can avoid the charge by bringing their own bag or refusing a bag when they make a small purchase that is easy to carry without a bag.

What bags are allowed under this ordinance?
Bags integrated into the packaging of products, bags without handles used exclusively to carry produce, meats, or other food items, prescription medication, food or merchandise that needs to be segregated to avoid damage or contamination to other food or merchandise (examples include small paper bag for greeting cards, paper bags to protect glass bottles, plastic bags around ice cream or soup containers, paper bags used to weigh candy, etc.).

Thank you for helping us build a better Lafayette.

To learn more visit www.lovelafayette.org/bags or contact the Planner-On-Duty at 925-284-1976