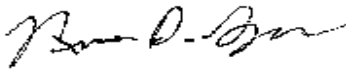


City of Calistoga

Staff Report

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council
FROM: Lynn Goldberg, Planning and Building Director
DATE: September 2, 2014
SUBJECT: Consideration of a Resolution Establishing a Minimum Charge for Recyclable Paper Bags Provided by Designated Businesses

APPROVAL FOR FORWARDING:



Richard D. Spitler, City Manager

1 **ISSUE:** Establishing a minimum charge for recyclable paper bags provided by
 2 businesses subject to the Single-Use Carryout Bag Reduction Ordinance

3 **RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt the attached resolution establishing the minimum charge
 4 at \$.10.

5 **BACKGROUND:** On August 5, 2014, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 703¹ to
 6 prohibit the distribution of single-use carryout bags (except recyclable paper bags and
 7 plastic bags for limited purposes) by certain businesses in order to reduce waste and
 8 pollution, and protect the environment. The ordinance requires businesses subject to the
 9 regulations to charge customers for each recyclable paper bag provided for the purpose
 10 of transporting merchandise out of their establishment. It further provides that the
 11 minimum charge be set by resolution of the City Council.

12 **PROPOSED BAG CHARGE:** Most jurisdictions that have adopted restrictions on the
 13 distribution of single-use carryout bags have also required businesses to charge for
 14 other types of bags. This charge ranges from \$.10 to \$.25 per bag.

15 **FISCAL IMPACT:** The ordinance provides that the business owners retain the bag
 16 charge and may not rebate it to customers. The City will not receive any of this revenue.

17 **ALTERNATIVES:** The intent of the bag charge is to encourage customers to bring
 18 reusable bags when they shop by creating a disincentive for paper bags. The Council
 19 may adopt a higher fee than \$.10 at this time, or increase the fee in the future if the \$.10
 20 charge does not result in a significant increase in the use of reusable bags.

ATTACHMENT

1. Draft resolution

¹ Effective January 1, 2015

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-XXX

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALISTOGA SETTING THE MINIMUM FEE FOR THE PROVISION OF A RECYCLABLE PAPER BAG UNDER THE SINGLE-USE CARRYOUT BAG REDUCTION ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, on August 5, 2014, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 703 to prohibit the distribution of single-use carryout bags by certain businesses in order to reduce waste and pollution, and protect the environment; and

WHEREAS, Calistoga Municipal Code Section 19.12.040(A.) requires Designated Businesses to charge customers for each Recyclable Paper Bag provided for the purpose of transporting merchandise out of their establishment to encourage customers to bring reusable bags when they shop by creating a disincentive for paper bags; and

WHEREAS, Calistoga Municipal Code Section 19.12.040(A.)(1.) requires the minimum charge to be set by resolution of the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby establishes a minimum fee of \$.10 to be charged by Designated Businesses to customers for each Recyclable Paper Bag provided for the purpose of transporting merchandise out of their establishment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council at a regular meeting held the 2nd day of September, 2014, by the following vote:

- AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

CHRIS CANNING, Mayor

ATTEST:

KATHY FLAMSON, Deputy City Clerk