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SINGLE-USE, PLASTIC, CARRY-OUT BAG PROHIBITION RETURNS TO NEWPORT RETAILERS

On January 6, 2020, the Newport City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2159 that prohibits the use of single-use, plastic, carryout bags by Newport retailers. When the COVID-19 pandemic began, guidance from the state recommended relaxing the rules on enforcing the ban on these types of bags. The City of Newport has not enforced the ban for much of the past year.

At the City Council meeting of February 16, 2021, the City Council voted to once again enforce the ban on the use of single-use, plastic, carry-out bags by retailers in the City of Newport. In order to provide time for retailers to use their existing inventory of plastic bags, the enforcement will begin on March 31 for retail establishments larger than 10,000 square feet. Smaller retailers (those with less than 10,000 square feet) will be given until May 1 to use their existing inventory of plastic bags, and comply with Newport's ordinance banning the use of single-use, plastic, carry-out bags.

Follow this link https://newportoregon.gov/dept/adm/ordinances/2159/ord_2159.pdf to read the full text of Ordinance No. 2159 - Newport's ban on single-use, plastic, carryout bags.

General questions related to the ordinance may be directed to Peggy Hawker at p.hawker@newportoregon.gov or 541.574.0613. Enforcement questions may be directed to the Newport Police Department Community Service Office at 541.265.4847 or 541.265.4854.

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