



FISCAL IMPACT NOTE

Ordinance: O-52-20

Resolution: R-68-20

Title: Plastic Bag Reduction

Date: December 17, 2020

The ordinance prohibits a “dealer” from supplying customers with plastic bags or paper check out bags that contain less than 40 percent post-consumer recycled content “at the point of sale, pickup, or delivery to carry purchase items.” Currently, Planning and Zoning does not have the resources to facilitate the additional inspection and citation responsibilities. The Director of Planning and Zoning proposes moving a part-time Administrative Office Associate II from part-time to full time, which would cost approximately \$44,000. The Director also suggests shifting administrative duties from the Zoning Enforcement Officer to be able to enforce this ordinance.

The Finance Department may have to reallocate current staff and/or hire additional staff to collect the fees and conduct the audits. A position for collection would be an A09 and the annual salary and benefits would range from \$81,000 – \$118,000. An audit position would be at least an A13; however, we cannot determine whether a full time clerk or auditor would be required.

We are unable to determine the fiscal impact, as we cannot predict how many fines may be collected. The resolution proposes a fine of \$250 per bag for the initial offense, \$500 per bag for the second offense in the same six-month period, and \$1,000 per bag for the third offense in the same six-month period. The collection of the fine will increase revenue for the City; however, the amount of the fine is likely to deter the behavior and reduce the number of fines issues. Additionally, we cannot determine whether the fines would offset the costs of the program.

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