

Regional Reusable Bag Ordinance to be Considered

Twenty four cities in San Mateo and Santa Clara County, including Menlo Park, are considering adopting San Mateo County's proposed Reusable Bag Ordinance. The ordinance would prohibit disposable plastic carry-out bags at all retail establishments and mandate a minimum charge of ten cents for every recycled paper bag or reusable bag provided by the retailer at checkout. Retailers would retain 100% of the revenue from selling bags at check-out, and customers could avoid the additional charges by bringing their own reusable bags with them shopping.

The ordinance will be presented to Menlo Park City Council in January 2013 for their vote if it is first approved by the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors on October 23, 2012. If adopted by Menlo Park City Council, the ordinance will likely take effect on April 22, 2013 – Earth Day.



Important Upcoming Meetings:

- Menlo Park Informative Meeting - discuss next steps, gather feedback
Wednesday | October 17, 2012 | 6:30 PM
701 Laurel St., Recreation Center, Cypress Room, Menlo Park, CA 94025
- County Board of Supervisors Meeting - final county decision on ordinance
Tuesday | October 23, 2012 | 9 AM
400 County Center, Board Chambers, Redwood City, CA 94063
- Menlo Park Informative Meeting - provide Information, gather feedback
Wednesday | December 12, 2012 | 6:30 PM
701 Laurel St., Recreation Hall, Cypress Room, Menlo Park, CA 94025

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