

Public Comment on five-cent pass through charge on paper bags

From: Molly Markarian [<mailto:mollymarkarian@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2013 7:50 AM
To: *Eugene Mayor, City Council, and City Manager
Subject: Bag Ban

Mayor Piercy and Councilors,

I was unable to attend the most recent Council discussion on the Eugene bag ban topic, but I wrote this guest viewpoint for the RG last week after reading the coverage of the most recent Council discussions. Please include this in your public record. Thank you.

<http://www.registerguard.com/rg/opinion/30016014-78/bag-bottle-eugene-snap-bags.html.csp#.UcHDiespsEA.email>

Sincerely,
Molly Markarian
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From: Bren Wamsley <BreWams@comcast.net>
Date: June 11, 2013, 8:51:43 AM PDT
To: PIERCY Kitty <Kitty.Piercy@ci.eugene.or.us>
Subject: 5 Cent Bag Charge
Reply-To: "BreWams@comcast.net" <BreWams@comcast.net>

Hi Kitty,

I can go along with the ban on plastic bags, but this 5 cent charge for a paper bag is ridiculous. Many of the stores were already using paper bags and "now" have begun to charge for them (i.e Coldwater Creek, Winco, Macy's, Chico's, etc). It's absolutely annoying and I don't feel the results of the meeting yesterday reflect the view of the majority of our citizens. To think you would only remove it for those getting assistance is ludicrous. Now store owners are going to need to see some sort of ID to know they don't have to charge. Certainly in grocery stores food stamps would be presented anyway, but not in all the other shops people may be frequenting. Those making these decisions need to have their brains examined. I'm normally a very nice person, but this has put me over the edge.

Bren

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From: Trader Joe <jem19761947@hotmail.com>
Date: June 11, 2013, 10:28:49 AM PDT
To: PIERCY Kitty <Kitty.Piercy@ci.eugene.or.us>
Subject: Bag Ban.....

Mayor Piercy: PLEASE rescind the extra charge for bags. This is and always has been part of any business's overhead.

You note we don't pay extra for ANY other business supplies as they are built into the selling price.

Sincerely, Joe McKean

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From: andreamfcoo@comcast.net

Sent: Mon 6/10/2013 4:19 PM

To: *Eugene Mayor, City Council, and City Manager

Subject: comments from the peanut gallery

Hello to all,

I am unable to attend the public hearing tonight regarding the 25 cent fee for paper bags.

But, I would like to add my voice to those who support keeping the 25cents fee.

Not only did the Grocers advocate and support it. They requested it, if my memory serves me correctly.

I am out in the community alot more these days. And I have yet to hear any one complain about the fee. If anything, I see a sense of pride in those who are shopping, reuse able bags in hand.

I think that not everyone in our Community has the time or money to volunteer to save the planet so to speak. But, in a sense, this a small contribution to a better environment.

I also would like to at this time remove my name from the list of possible appointee's to the planning committee. I know it is late in the process, but as I have been giving this alot of thought.

Although I would do a good job and welcome the challenge, I have to admit. If I were seated where you are today. I would have welcomed the opportunity to have John Barvosky serve on this committee or any other.

I will be looking for other opportunities to participate in City government. As I still have alot to say.....

Respectfully,

Andrea Ortiz

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From: CHAD WILSON [<mailto:wilsonhomes171806@msn.com>]

Sent: 10 June, 2013 23:33

To: *Eugene Mayor, City Council, and City Manager

Subject: Wilson: FEES

Mayor, Council, and City Manager, I dont think you will find to many people who will disagree with the plastic bag ban, however it was quite a surprise to most citizens of Eugene to find out that you had bamboozled us into charging us for paper bags! This was a deceptive move that we didn't see coming, at least for those of us who have jobs, work for what we need, don't seek handouts, and don't have time to go to all of your meetings to stay up to the minute on your new gas tax fees, landlord fees, LTD fees, and yes paper bag fees! We are sick and tired of all of your FEES!! Let us work, feed our families, enjoy our lives, and quit taxing us around every corner. Quit turning Eugene into a Huge homeless shelter and you would need alot less fees!!

Thank you,

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From: kens@windermere.com
Sent: Tue 6/11/2013 7:32 AM
To: *Eugene Mayor, City Council, and City Manager
Subject: 5 cent bag ban

I don't know if you folks care but you are the laughing stock of the community!!!!
Can't make a decision on a bag ban.
All of you are much smarter than this, get this done and move on.
We have much more pressing matters than to fool around wasting time on this. Everybody I know is going to Springfield to shop now.
We have the huge Hynix plant empty waiting for jobs, the EWEB property could be developed into something to be known state wide.
Please, please utilize your talents and get past this!!!!
All of you have much better talents than this, lead follow or get out of the way.

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From: Suzanne Penegor [<mailto:pegnons@ix.netcom.com>]
Sent: Friday, June 07, 2013 11:19 AM

To: *Eugene Mayor, City Council, and City Manager
Subject: letter re bag ban from constituent

To the Mayor, City Council and City Manager:

The city's bag ban has been a nightmare for local businesses and customers. This should have been put to a vote of Eugene citizens before it was implemented. It is punitive and anti-business.

Customers are taking bags from other companies and competitors to local retailers, which is terrible marketing for local stores.

This ban makes our city and our city government look incredibly foolish and petty.

Re this city bag ban, it should be revoked or sent to the voters for approval/disapproval.

It's just another example of how difficult the city council makes it to do business in Eugene. It makes us want to do business in Springfield, where they don't have these foolish ordinances.

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From: Blick Family blick37@comcast.net
Sent: Wed 6/5/2013 11:33 PM
To: *Eugene Mayor, City Council, and City Manager
Subject: Please protect the bag fee!

Dear Mayor and Council-

I am writing to ask you to please protect the fee on single use paper bags. There is no need to exempt anyone. Anyone can pay a dollar for a re-useable bag (now available everywhere) that can be used hundreds of times. I have some re-usable bags that I bought at a thrift store and have been using for over 20 years.

Thank you for supporting the ban and providing everyone with the incentive to do the right thing for our planet and our future.

Sincerely,
Sharon Blick

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From: murphyj murphyj@uoregon.edu
Sent: Wed 6/5/2013 10:06 PM
To: *Eugene Mayor, City Council, and City Manager
Subject: the paper bag fee -- let's keep it, please

Dear Mayor and Council-

I am writing to ask you to please protect the fee on single use paper bags. I understand it's a hardship (at first) for many low income people. Perhaps those who use a SNAP card (what we used to call food stamps) could be exempt.

Years ago, I met a newcomer from Germany, who had come to the U.S. equipped with an easy-to-use woven net bag to carry home his groceries in. He was amazed to find that Americans didn't carry bags to the store, that we expected everything we bought to be put in a bag for us. "What do you do with all those bags?" he asked. "We just throw them away," I said.

Let's not do that any more.

Jean Murphy
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From: John Winqvist johnwinqvist@gmail.com
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 8:06 PM
To: *Eugene Mayor, City Council, and City Manager
Subject: Please protect the bag fee-

Dear Mayor and Council-

I am writing to ask you to please protect the fee on single use paper bags, and work to make the policy more fair and equitable by exempting those on food benefits.

Thank you for supporting the ban and working to make this policy the best it can be for our community.

Sincerely, Pem and John Winqvist

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From: Carol Pratt [<mailto:jcpratt@efn.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 1:00 PM
To: *Eugene Mayor, City Council, and City Manager
Subject: Please protect the bag fee-

Dear Mayor and Council-

I have lived a good while in Ireland, since they enacted legislation similar to the new program here. The only plastic bags allowed to be used free are for meat, poultry, fish, and fresh produce. Everything else is either not available or costs 22 cents (euro-cents!). This change was made very quickly about 3 years ago, and it has not caused enough disruption to be a concern. The number of bags littered has **fallen to near zero**. Most people carry their own cloth bags to use for carrying groceries. We can do the same!

I am writing to ask you to please protect the fee on single use paper bags, and work to make the policy more fair and equitable by exempting those on food benefits.

Thank you for supporting the ban and working to make this policy the best it can be for our community.

Sincerely,

Carol Pratt

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-----Original Message-----

From: Joshua Welch [<mailto:joshuawelch@comcast.net>]

Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 11:22 AM

To: *Eugene Mayor, City Council, and City Manager

Subject: Disposable bag fee

Please keep the fee. Although the fee is too low to begin with, it remains an important incentive to help move us away from disposable bags.

Thank you,
Joshua Welch

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From: Edward Craig [<mailto:epcraig@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2013 10:41 AM

To: *Eugene Mayor, City Council, and City Manager

Subject: Please protect the bag fee-

Dear Mayor and Council-

I am writing to ask you to please protect the fee on single use paper bags, and work to make the policy more fair and equitable by exempting those on food benefits.

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