

On The Record

'Sustainable Shopping Initiative' to prohibit single-use bags statewide Jan. 1

House Bill (HB) 2509, passed in the 2019 Oregon legislative session, prohibits retail stores and restaurants from providing single-use checkout bags to customers, and places restrictions on other checkout bags they may provide.

The ban goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2020. After that, a retail store or restaurant may provide only reusable or recycled paper checkout bags to customers.

In certain cases, they must charge a fee to customers for providing the bag. The new law repeals ORS 459A.695, which required retail stores pro-

viding plastic checkout bags to offer paper bags as an alternative.

Some basic definitions Oregon residents need to know:

- **Single-use checkout bag:** A bag made of paper, plastic, or other material that is provided to a customer at the time of checkout, and that does not meet the definition of recycled paper checkout bag, reusable fabric checkout bag or reusable plastic checkout bag.

- **Reusable Plastic Checkout Bag:** A bag with handles, designed and manufactured to be used multiple times, and made

of durable plastic that is at least 4 mils thick.

- **Reusable Fabric Checkout Bag:** A bag with handles, designed and manufactured to be used multiple times, and made of cloth or other machine-washable fabric.

- **Recycled Paper Checkout Bag:** A paper bag made of at least 40 percent post-consumer recycled fiber.

What this means for consumers is that, beginning Jan. 1, those who do not bring reusable bags should expect to pay a small fee at the register.

This fee helps offset the cost businesses pay to

purchase more sustainable bags.

The fee can vary by store and city/county. Some bags, such as those for bulk items and privacy purposes, are not covered.

Retail stores and restaurants may provide certain reusable bags for free to customers using a WIC voucher or electronic benefits transfer card.

After Jan. 1, businesses can no longer provide single-use bags and must charge a fee for certain types of reusable bags.

A violation of the provisions of HB 2509 is a Class D violation subject to a maximum fine of \$250.

Class D violations are enforced by law enforcement officers, who may issue a citation to a retailer or restaurant. Each day a retailer or restaurant commits a violation is considered a new offense.

HB 2509 allows a different penalty to be set under local provisions, so check with local jurisdictions for specific questions about enforcement.

A restaurant or retail store can be charged with a violation under either the local provision or the penalty specified in HB 2509, but not both.

For more information on HB 2509, visit the Or-

egon Legislative Information System website at www.olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2019R1/Measures/Overview/HB2509 to access the full bill and materials.

POLICE

Nov. 29

- No issues to report.

Nov. 30

- Dispute was reported on the 1600 block of Highway 126.
- Hit-and-run accident was reported on the 88200 block of Rhododendron Drive.

Dec. 1

- Theft from motor vehicle was reported on the 5600 block of Highway 126.
- Theft was reported on the 1600 block of 15th Street.
- Trespass was reported on the 2200 block of 17th Street.
- Arrest, with warrant, was reported on the 5600 block of Highway 126.

Dec. 2

- Drug arrest was reported on the 900 block of

Greenwood Street.

- Accident, with unknown injury, was reported on the 1400 block of Ninth Street.

- Fraud was reported on the 700 block of Highway 101.

- Harassment was reported on the 1900 block of Willow Street.

Dec. 3

- Dispute was reported on the 1000 block of Royal Street

- Harassment was reported on the 4700 block of Highway 101.

- DUII was reported on Second Street and Ivy Road.

- Theft was reported on the 300 block of Oak Street.

- Theft was reported on the 4700 block of Highway 101.

- Arrest, with warrant, was reported on the 900

block of Greenwood Street.

Dec. 4

- Harassment was reported on the 1000 block of Seventh Street.

- Theft was reported on the 1900 block of 16th Street.

- Accident, with injury, was reported on Highway 101 and Ninth Street.

WEATHER DATA

DATE	HIGH	LOW	RAIN
Nov. 26	39	32	0.99
Nov. 27	39	30	0.08
Nov. 28	41	29	0.00
Nov. 29	42	27	0.00
Nov. 30	39	30	0.14
Dec. 1	47	37	0.17
Dec. 2	52	38	0.00

Rainfall Week: 1.38"
Month: 2.65" Year: 55.07"

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