

A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR MAY 18, 2016 AT 6:45PM
TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED
CARRYOUT BAG ORDINANCE FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

May 4, 2016

WHEREAS, MCLA 46.11(j) authorizes a county to pass ordinances that relate to county affairs and do not contravene state law or interfere with the local affairs of a township, city, or village within the county; and

WHEREAS, Part 115 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act grants authority to all Michigan counties for solid waste management within their geographic boundaries through respective approved county solid waste management plans; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County's Solid Waste Management Plan calls for an aggressive program to increase waste diversion, emphasizing commercial and residential source-reduction and recycling; and

WHEREAS, annual plastic bag waste management costs exceed \$200,000 for the two publically-owned material recovery facilities (MRFs) based in Washtenaw County (Western Washtenaw Recycling Authority and Ann Arbor); and

WHEREAS, annual costs to the MRFs include regular damage to equipment, decreased operations and labor efficiencies, increased residual waste-to-landfill costs and jeopardized commodity market values; and

WHEREAS, the MRFs are unable to recycle any plastic bag waste received, accounting for approximately 80%-by-volume of residual waste-to-landfill; and

WHEREAS, plastic bag waste management costs thus act as a direct obstruction to Washtenaw County's residential and commercial recycling economy; and

WHEREAS, annual plastic bag management costs exceed \$25,000 for Advanced Disposal's Arbor Hills Landfill, the single operating landfill in Washtenaw County serving as further obstruction to Washtenaw County achieving goals of its Solid Waste Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, communities across the nation and globe that adopt bag policies consistently demonstrate reduction in plastic bag consumption, litter and contamination in recycling & waste streams, plus increased recycling rates; and

WHEREAS, the Carryout Bag Ordinance states an effective date of Earth Day 2017 (April 22); and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by Corporation Counsel, the Finance Department, Human Resources, the County Administrator's Office and the Ways & Means Committee; and WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is setting a public hearing to receive comment from the public on proposed adoption of Washtenaw County's Carryout Bag Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the proposed county-wide Carryout Bag Ordinance is available through the Washtenaw County Clerk's Office.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 6:45PM at the Board Room located at 220 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor, MI for the purpose of taking comments on the proposed adoption of Carryout Bag Ordinance for Washtenaw County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of such public hearing, in a form similar to Exhibit A, shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county at least seven (7) days prior to the public hearing.

EXHIBIT A

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF CARRYOUT
BAG ORDINANCE FOR WASHTENAW COUNTY**

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 6:45 p.m. Michigan time in the Board Room of the County Administration Building located at 220 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan for the purpose of taking comments on the proposed adoption of a county-wide Carryout Bag Ordinance. The proposed ordinance can be reviewed at the County Clerk's Office located at 200 N. Main Street, Ann Arbor or online at <http://www.ewashtenaw.org/government/clerkregister>.

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A
Brabec	X			Ping			X	Dan Smith			X
LaBarre	X			Rabhi	X						
Martinez-Kratz	X			Jamnick			X				
Peterson	X			Conan Smith			X				

CLERK/REGISTER'S CERTIFICATE - CERTIFIED COPY ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 0 3 (1 – Present – Comm. Dan Smith)

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

I, Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register of said County of Washtenaw and Clerk of Circuit Court for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners at a session held at the County Administration Building in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on May 4th, 2016, as it appears of record in my office.

COUNTY OF WASHTENAW)^{SS}.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Ann Arbor, this 5th day of May, 2016.

LAWRENCE KESTENBAUM, Clerk/Register

BY: _____ Deputy Clerk



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