



January 21, 2016

Ms. Ellen Planer
Town Clerk
Falmouth Town Hall
271 Falmouth Road
Falmouth, ME 04105

DAVID GOLDBERG
CHAIR

Dear Ellen:

RUSS ANDERSON
VICE CHAIR

I am pleased to introduce, in accordance with Article II, Section 213 of the Town Charter, language relative to proposed amendments to Section II-8-12-7. Restrictions on Single-Use Carryout Bags. This amendment will allow the fee attached to Single-Use Carryout Bag be at least 5 cents (floor) but with no limitations on whether the fee could be higher than 5 cents. The purpose of establishing a floor rather than a uniform fee is twofold:

KAREN FARBER

- 1) It allows for greater disincentive now and in the future for single-use carryout bag use; and
- 2) It allows retailers, whose expenses for single-use carryout bags may exceed \$0.05 per bag to recuperate those expenses.

CALEB HEMPHILL

The amendment language for this ordinance would include the following minor change in text:

CLAUDIA KING

Section II-8-12-7. Restrictions on Single-Use Carryout Bags.

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(a) Except as provided in this Section, no Store (as defined above) shall provide a Single-Use Carryout Bag to a customer at the check stand, cash register, point of sale or other point of departure for the purposes of transporting food or merchandise out of the establishment.

CHARLIE MCBRADY

(b) A Store may make available for sale to a customer a Single-Use Carryout Bag for a mandatory, ~~uniform~~ minimum charge of five cents (\$0.05) per bag.

NATHAN A. POORE
TOWN MANAGER

I hereby ask that you place this item on the next available agenda for a public hearing and that you properly post notices and advertise for a public hearing as required by the Charter.

ELLEN PLANER
TOWN CLERK

Sincerely yours,
Karen Farber

MELISSA TRYON
RECORDER

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