

Resolution No.1197

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**A Resolution of the City Council Supporting a Ban on Single-Use Plastic Checkout Bags**

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**Whereas**, the Edmonds City Council unanimously agreed to promote and develop a sustainability agenda at its February 2009 retreat, and

**Whereas**, a ban on single-use plastic checkout bags was unanimously included within the sustainability agenda, and

**Whereas**, the use of single-use plastic checkout bags have been banned in cities and countries around the world, and

**Whereas**, the post-consumer environmental effects of single-use plastic checkout bags are detrimental to marine life, wildlife, and public health, and

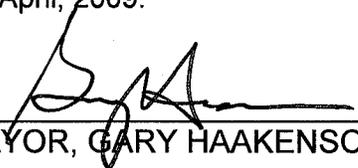
**Whereas**, Edmonds residents use an estimated eight million (8,000,000) single-use plastic checkout bags in a single year, and

**Whereas**, the goal is to encourage the use of reusable shopping bags, and

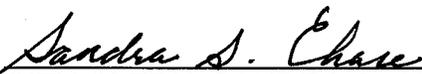
**Whereas**, the Edmonds City Council finds the passage of this ban is in the best interest of the citizens of Edmonds and the environment,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Edmonds directs staff to prepare an ordinance banning the use of single-use plastic checkout bags and encouraging the use of reusable shopping bags for future Council and community consideration.

Passed, Approved, and Adopted this 7th day of April, 2009.

  
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MAYOR, GARY HAAKENSON

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

  
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CITY CLERK, SANDRA S. CHASE

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