

“Plastic Bags Regulation Ordinance”



City Ordinance No. 25-2017 : An Ordinance regulating the use of plastic bags and establishing an environmental fee for its use, providing mechanism for its recovery and recycling and providing penalties for violation thereof.



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If any provisions of this ordinance is declared not valid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall continue to be in full force and effect

All ordinance, rules and regulations, or part thereof, in conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed and modified accordingly.

This ordinance shall take effect after conduct of massive information campaign and publication in a newspaper of general circulation.

Regulation on the Use of Plastic Bags.

- A. Distribution of plastic bags with thickness lower than 15 microns is prohibited.
- B. Consumers shall bring reusable bags; otherwise, redemption of new plastic bag shall be charged with a **“Plastic Recovery System Fee.”** The imposition of PRSF seeks to change consumers behavior rather than generate fund. It is a move towards shifting habits from mindless consumption to a lifestyle anchored on the 3R's of waste Management.
- C. Prohibition of market stall owners to directly distribute/use plastic bags.
- D. The market management shall assign areas within the market where plastic bags may be purchased.
- E. Plastic bags with no handles, hole or string shall not be included under the scheme as the usage of such bags are justified on the ground of public hygiene.

Stores Should Provide the following “Reusable Bags” to consumers for a minimum fee.

- A. Reusable Shopping Bag - for shopping and buying groceries applicable for shopping malls.

- B. Take-out Bag - for carrying out foods applicable for fast food chains.
- C. Agora Bag - for carrying wet and dry market products.
- D. Medicine Bag - Appropriate to carry small quantity medicines and applicable for drug-store and pharmacy.

Consumers Incentives For Using “Reusable Bags” and /or Redemption of Used Plastic Bags will be awarded by Stores:

- A. Point System Scheme - Consumers practicing the use of reusable plastic bags will be given additional points by stores implementing the point system scheme.
- B. Green Lane - All stores shall provide special counters or express lane to cater customers using reusable bags.

Plastic Bag Recovery and Recycling Mechanism

- A. Relevant Recycles - City ENRD shall provide a list of relevant recyclers to all stores that buys used plastic bags.
- B. Waste Markets - All stores and shopping malls are directed to implement their own Waste Markets in their respective areas.

Monitoring and Enforcement

- A. Massive information campaign shall be conducted.
- B. A Task Force composing of City ENRD personnel, Committee on Environment and other concerned individual shall also be created.
- C. Funding of the task force operation shall be

Enforcement and Penalties

1. Any establishment violating the provisions of this ordinance shall be charged of an infraction and shall be collected the specific amounts:
 - A. 1st Offense: A fine not exceeding Php 1,000.00
 - B. 2nd Offense: A fine not exceeding Php 3,000.00
 - C. 3rd Offense: A fine not exceeding Php 5,000.00 and cancellation of Business Permit.
2. The Task Force shall issue an Environmental Violation Receipt (EVR) to the violator with annotation of seven (7) days.
3. Necessary payment shall be made to City Treasurer's Office .
4. Establishment that fails to settle their liability within the given period, shall be forwarded to the City Legal Office for appropriate action.