

# Plastic Bag Ban - One Year Review

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## Responses

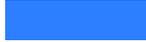
How satisfied are you with the current plastic bag ordinance (1=very unsatisfied, 5=very satisfied)

Average	4.37
Total	214.00
Count	49
Skipped	0

How satisfied are you with the current 10 cent charge for paper bags? (1=very unsatisfied, 5= very satisfied)

Average	3.98
Total	195.00
Count	49
Skipped	0

Which of the three choices below would you be in favor of in regards to the paper bag fee?

		%	Count
Charge a fee higher than 10 cents		22.9%	11
Keep the ten cent charge the same		54.2%	26
Eliminate the ten cent fee		22.9%	11

The goal of the program was to eliminate single use plastic bags and encourage customers to bring in their own bags. Which one of the following statements seems most accurate as you observe fellow customers shopping in Ashland

		%	Count
More people are bringing their own bags		70.2%	33

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	%	Count
More people are carrying items out of the store without bags	19.1%	9
More people are buying reusable bags	6.4%	3
More people are buying paper bags for ten cents	4.3%	2

**What is your overall opinion about the plastic bag ordinance and the ten cent paper bag charge?**

Answered 45

Skipped 4

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Darlene Southworth inside Ashland  
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Christy Frenzen inside Ashland  
 December 30, 2015, 5:52 AM

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How satisfied are you with the current plastic bag ordinance?

Brad Galusha inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 6:17 AM

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Greg Whittenburg outside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 6:28 AM

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matt Matt inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 7:28 AM

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Glenn Street inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 7:47 AM

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Matthew Sniffen inside Ashland  
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Alex Censor inside Ashland  
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Julia Sommer inside Ashland  
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Sabina Nies inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 8:06 AM

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Diane Werich inside Ashland  
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Barbara Hinds inside Ashland  
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Brad Knickerbocker inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 8:35 AM

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John Yunker inside Ashland  
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Sam Whitford inside Ashland  
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Louise Pare inside Ashland  
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Helga Motley outside Ashland  
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December 30, 2015, 10:44 AM

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Ken Deveney inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 11:41 AM

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Phyllis Brown inside Ashland  
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Herbert Long inside Ashland  
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John Schinnerer inside Ashland  
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Linda Lowe outside Ashland  
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Peter Nystrom inside Ashland  
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Louise Shawkat inside Ashland  
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Timothy Nobles inside Ashland  
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Peter Finkle inside Ashland  
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Joyce Stanley outside Ashland  
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Deana Lynn inside Ashland  
January 1, 2016, 8:20 PM

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How satisfied are you with the current plastic bag ordinance?

John Baxter inside Ashland  
January 3, 2016, 9:53 AM

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Joanie Keller-Hand inside Ashland  
January 3, 2016, 2:29 PM

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Doug Viner inside Ashland  
January 4, 2016, 10:12 AM

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Kristina Lefever inside Ashland  
January 4, 2016, 10:57 AM

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Samantha Stovall inside Ashland  
January 4, 2016, 11:34 AM

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Tamra Bokal outside Ashland  
January 4, 2016, 11:58 AM

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Todd Kemp inside Ashland  
January 4, 2016, 2:00 PM

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William Donlon inside Ashland  
January 4, 2016, 2:35 PM

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Julie Vinitzky inside Ashland  
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Pauline Black inside Ashland  
January 4, 2016, 6:31 PM

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Linda Lowe outside Ashland  
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Peter Nystrom inside Ashland  
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Larry Laitner inside Ashland  
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Alma Alvarez inside Ashland  
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Doug Viner inside Ashland  
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Kristina Lefever inside Ashland  
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Samantha Stovall inside Ashland  
January 4, 2016, 11:34 AM

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How satisfied are you with the current plastic bag ordinance?

Tamra Bokal outside Ashland  
January 4, 2016, 11:58 AM

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Todd Kemp inside Ashland  
January 4, 2016, 2:00 PM

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William Donlon inside Ashland  
January 4, 2016, 2:35 PM

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Julie Vinitzky inside Ashland  
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Pauline Black inside Ashland  
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**Which of the three choices below would you be in favor of in regards to the paper bag fee?**

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Keep the ten cent charge the same

Darlene Southworth inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 5:50 AM

Charge a fee higher than 10 cents

Christy Frenzen inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 5:52 AM

Keep the ten cent charge the same

Brad Galusha inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 6:17 AM

Keep the ten cent charge the same

Greg Whittenburg outside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 6:28 AM

Eliminate the ten cent fee

matt Matt inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 7:28 AM

Eliminate the ten cent fee

Glenn Street inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 7:47 AM

Keep the ten cent charge the same

karen smith inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 7:54 AM

Keep the ten cent charge the same

Matthew Sniffen inside Ashland

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December 30, 2015, 7:55 AM

Charge a fee higher than 10 cents

Alex Censor inside Ashland

December 30, 2015, 8:01 AM

Charge a fee higher than 10 cents

Julia Sommer inside Ashland

December 30, 2015, 8:03 AM

Keep the ten cent charge the same

ML Moore inside Ashland

December 30, 2015, 8:06 AM

Keep the ten cent charge the same

Sabina Nies inside Ashland

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Keep the ten cent charge the same

Diane Werich inside Ashland

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Charge a fee higher than 10 cents

Barbara Hinds inside Ashland

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Keep the ten cent charge the same

Brad Knickerbocker inside Ashland

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Keep the ten cent charge the same

John Yunker inside Ashland

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December 30, 2015, 8:44 AM

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Louise Pare inside Ashland  
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Keep the ten cent charge the same

Helga Motley outside Ashland  
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January 1, 2016, 8:20 PM

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January 3, 2016, 2:29 PM

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Todd Kemp inside Ashland  
January 4, 2016, 2:00 PM

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William Donlon inside Ashland  
January 4, 2016, 2:35 PM

Eliminate the ten cent fee

Julie Vinitzky inside Ashland  
January 4, 2016, 5:27 PM

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Pauline Black inside Ashland  
January 4, 2016, 6:31 PM

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**The goal of the program was to eliminate single use plastic bags and encourage customers to bring in their own bags. Which one of the following statements seems most accurate as you observe fellow customers shopping in Ashland**

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January 1, 2016, 11:32 AM

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January 4, 2016, 2:00 PM

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January 4, 2016, 2:35 PM

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Pauline Black inside Ashland  
January 4, 2016, 6:31 PM

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### What is your overall opinion about the plastic bag ordinance and the ten cent paper bag charge?

Joan Thorndike inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 5:12 AM

I hope single use plastic bags never come back, I'm OK with raising the 10 cents fee if there are good reasons to do so (people are just paying the fee, or we think raising the fee will completely eliminate the need for single use plastic bags)

Darlene Southworth inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 5:50 AM

We need to stop using even more plastic, especially stuff that cannot be recycled in Ashland.

Christy Frenzen inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 5:52 AM

It's a revolution.

Brad Galusha inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 6:17 AM

I like it. Anything that will help reduce the use of plastic is good.

Greg Whittenburg outside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 6:28 AM

I like the elimination of plastic, but don't like the 10 cent premium for paper...it just smells like a penalty. Reusable bags can (and do) spread bacteria.

matt Matt inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 7:28 AM

Do you actually think you are accomplishing anything other than bothering both customers and businesses to pretend you are more PC than thou? Adding these ridiculous fees, fines, road diets, with no parking, street hustlers and added taxes have become the norm in Ashland. These attitudes and policies are causing me to seldom visit downtown, never attend the plays, shop or eat in Ashland anymore. I heard many businesses are crashing and in trouble. What are you going to do when they are gone? Was that your big plan? What did you expect?

karen smith inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 7:54 AM

The program is working well.

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Matthew Sniffen inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 7:55 AM

I think the ordinance is a great idea and that if any changes are to be made, they should be to make the ordinance stronger. I like the reduction of plastic waste and, to be honest, really appreciate the incentive to use the canvas bags. They are stronger, hold larger, heavier items more easily, and are more comfortable to carry.

Alex Censor inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 8:01 AM

Good first step.  
Should have fewer leaks.  
Even the smaller bags should have some fee.

ML Moore inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 8:06 AM

Seems it has had the intended purpose. I see many fewer plastic bags littering our town. I see most people carrying their bags into stores. If people are worried about bacteria in bags, they can wash them.

Sabina Nies inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 8:06 AM

It's a good way to remind people to be resourceful with our natural resources in addition to do something good for our environment. Reusable bags are fun!

Diane Werich inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 8:21 AM

i think it has been a whopping success. Of course, i do 99% of my shopping at the co-op. There I see few people getting paper bags. They sell canvass sturdy bags really cheap. This was a really great idea. hats off to you all.

Barbara Hinds inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 8:34 AM

Its a great step in the right direction. I wish more cities did this.

Brad Knickerbocker inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 8:35 AM

Right on!

John Yunker inside Ashland

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How satisfied are you with the current plastic bag ordinance?

December 30, 2015, 8:40 AM

It's working.

Sam Whitford inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 8:44 AM

Good for Ashland...hope other Southern Oregon cities will follow our lead!

Louise Pare inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 8:48 AM

I support it.

Helga Motley outside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 9:11 AM

I wish the plastic bag elimination would expand to the bags people use to put the produce they buy into. I personally bring my own produce zip lock bags, which I wash out at home and then reuse. It would be nice if I got a 5 cent credit for doing that. Shop n Kart gives 5 cent credit for bringing our own grocery carrying bags. Why not for bringing our own plastic produce bags? Many people don't know they can bring those soft plastic bags to the Ashland recycle center. It would be good to publicize that option.

Rebecca Kagan inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 9:29 AM

As a consumer, I am fine with the ban. I have no idea how the fee affects small businesses, so I declined to comment on whether it should stay or increase. The last question would also be better answered by the businesses. I would imagine there is quite a difference between the activity of locals (grocery store for example) and the tourists in the downtown shops.

Sharon Anderson outside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 10:44 AM

It seems responsible and effective in reducing the use of single use plastic in Ashland

Ken Deveney inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 11:41 AM

I'm happy to see plastic reduced, in many forms. I'd like to see less plastic in packaging.

Phyllis Brown inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 11:58 AM

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OK, I give the program a 4 not a 5 because of one thing. My garbage can under the sink was designed specifically to use with a plastic grocery store sack as a lining. Many people buy plastic sacks specially made for garbage, which end up in the landfill, just like a plastic grocery bag. Therefore, no gain. So far, I import plastic bags to use in my garbage can from friends in other places.

Herbert Long inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 12:47 PM

Very favorable

John Schinnerer inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 1:22 PM

A good experiment and it seems to be working out at least partly as hoped for. Now let's experiment with reducing one-use paper bags as well. They do biodegrade, but they also contribute to deforestation and tree plantations (erosion, watershed damage, loss of biomass, loss of biodiversity) and chemical pollution (from the logging operations and paper mills).

Linda Lowe outside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 3:21 PM

i think it is great! Reduce, reuse, recycle

Peter Nystrom inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 3:59 PM

I think the plastic bag ordinance is great. I'm less enthusiastic about the paper bag charge, but am in favor of keeping it.

Larry Laitner inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 5:32 PM

I reuse all of the bags that I bring home from the store, sometimes multiple times. I sometimes purposely leave my reusable bags in the car so I can get some paper bags to use at home (even at ten cents each). The bag fee has not changed my paper bag use at all. I haven't changed my plastic bag use much either. I didn't get many before, or after, and I reuse them all.

Bill Walker inside Ashland  
December 30, 2015, 9:35 PM

What a waste of the City's time and energy. Rather than punish folks 10 cents for not bringing a bag, I suggest a discount for those that do bring their own bags.

edna howe inside Ashland

## Plastic Bag Ban - One Year Review

How satisfied are you with the current plastic bag ordinance?

December 31, 2015, 1:17 AM

If you keep the 10 cent charge, please require the businesses to offer a paper bag with handles. It is difficult for elderly and disabled to carry bags without handles.

Joan Drager inside Ashland  
December 31, 2015, 7:44 AM

The bag ordinance seems to work well in grocery stores, however, it is inconvenient in other types of stores. Many people don't expect to carry a garment or clothes item out of the store without a bag, but how many have a bag with them?? Those carrying items out without a bag may be seen as possible shoplifters. Also, plastic bags are often reused multiple times before being recycled. I would like to see some evidence that this ordinance has been a benefit to non-grocers and customers.

Nancy Weston inside Ashland  
December 31, 2015, 9:14 AM

Bringing bags for groceries is normal, but not in other retail stores. There shouldn't be a charge for any sacks at all. The practice is unfair for non locals who are unaware and discourages visitors.

Louise Shawkat inside Ashland  
December 31, 2015, 11:37 AM

The charge should be more and the stores that are not in compliance should have a visit from the compliance officer

Timothy Nobles inside Ashland  
December 31, 2015, 11:59 AM

It saves resources, prevents pollution, educates, and sets a good precedent

Alma Alvarez inside Ashland  
December 31, 2015, 1:09 PM

I think it is a great ordinance, and the ten cent charge serves as good impetus for bringing in our own bags. I love that our city cares about our environment and future generations. Good job.

Peter Finkle inside Ashland  
January 1, 2016, 11:17 AM

I don't think the ordinance was or is necessary. Most people in Ashland already brought their own bags and most stores already encouraged the practice.

Joyce Stanley outside Ashland

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How satisfied are you with the current plastic bag ordinance?

January 1, 2016, 11:32 AM

FANTASTIC.....

Deana Lynn inside Ashland

January 1, 2016, 8:20 PM

You should really ask the businesses how this ban is working for them. I've seen customers spend a bundle in a small downtown business only to be told they cannot be given a bag but must pay for one. Pretty ridiculous position to put the store owner in. I recycle everything I can but will admit that plastic bags serve a purpose in my home. I find myself shopping at stores outside of Ashland that will bag my groceries etc. in the bag of my choice for FREE. When shopping in Ashland, I bring my own reusable bags as I refuse to pay for a paper bag. Why not just encourage people to be smart about recycling and do away with the fee.

Joanie Keller-Hand inside Ashland

January 3, 2016, 2:29 PM

Completely support this program. I think more people are bringing their own bags and carrying items out of the store without a bag.

Doug Viner inside Ashland

January 4, 2016, 10:12 AM

Great idea, well legislated

Kristina Lefever inside Ashland

January 4, 2016, 10:57 AM

The plastic bag ban needs to be county and country wide. I wish plastic bags inside stores, ie, in produce sections, could be replaced with biodegradable bags.

Samantha Stovall inside Ashland

January 4, 2016, 11:34 AM

I think it's great!

Todd Kemp inside Ashland

January 4, 2016, 2:00 PM

Plastic bags pose a problem for fish and wildlife. I support the ban on the one-time use plastic bags. Forcing retailers to charge 10 cents for each paper bag is ridiculous and serves no purpose since paper bags biodegrade quickly and don't harm the environment. In fact I shop in Medford a lot more often because of this policy. I have told management at both Bi-Mart and ShopnKart that I have cut my business with them significantly because of the city's policy. I use the paper grocery sacks as garbage sacks instead of buying

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plastic garbage bags. I used to use a cloth bag and sometimes voluntarily reuse the paper bags when my supply built up but now I just go to the Medford Coop and Winco instead, burning more gas and contributing less to Ashland's economy. The city should find other ways to encourage the use of reusable bags. Forcing retailers to charge for what used to be a convenient "thank you" to there customers for shopping there is not right in my opinion.

William Donlon inside Ashland  
January 4, 2016, 2:35 PM

Stupid and naïve

Julie Vinitzky inside Ashland  
January 4, 2016, 5:27 PM

I think it is great! Cut down on waste!

Pauline Black inside Ashland  
January 4, 2016, 6:31 PM

The ordinance is great. Bring your own is becoming common practice even in cities without a law. We had been carrying our own grocery bags for a couple of years and it's easy once you get in the habit. The ordinance has helped me remember to carry a bag when we do non-grocery shopping. I never buy the 10 cent bags. I think the cost should be higher but want to avoid a hardship for people who are low income.