ORDINANCE NO. Introduction (CM)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE AMENDING SUBSECTION (e) TO SECTION 6-7.101 (DEFINITIONS) OF CHAPTER 7 (REDUCING SINGLE-USE PLASTIC CARRYOUT BAGS) OF TITLE 6 (SANITATION AND HEALTH) OF THE WATSONVILLE MUNICIPAL CODE CHANGING THE THICKNESS REQUIREMENT OF PLASTIC REUSABLE BAGS FROM 2.25 MILS TO 4 MILS AND CONTAINING A MINIMUM OF 25% POST-CONSUMER RECYCLED MATERIAL

Amends Ordinance No. 1284-12 (CM)

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. ENACTMENT.

Chapter 7 (Reducing Single-Use Plastic Carryout Bags) of Title 6 (Sanitation and Health) of the Watsonville Municipal Code is hereby amended by amending Subsection 6-7.101 (e) to read in words and figures as follows:

Sec. 6-7.101 Definitions.

(e) “Reusable bag” shall mean any bag with handles that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse, and is either (1) made of cloth or other washable fabric, or (2) made of durable material that is at least four (4.0) mils thick. A “reusable bag” may be made of plastic such as high density polyethylene (HDPE), low density polyethylene (LDPE), or polypropylene and shall contain a minimum of 25% post-consumer recycled plastic. Practices that have an effect of discouraging customers from using reusable bags are prohibited.

SECTION 2. PUBLICATION.

This ordinance shall be published in the Watsonville Register-Pajaronian and/or Santa Cruz Sentinel in compliance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Watsonville.
SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall be in force and take effect thirty (30) days after its final adoption.

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