



City of North Port

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-R-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE INITIATIVES BY LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES IN FLORIDA TO LESSEN THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS ON OUR ENVIRONMENT.

WHEREAS, the City of North Port is diligent in its efforts to preserve the beautiful environment that supports the tourism industry which is so vital to the economy of the City of North Port and the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, plastic bags are detrimental because they do not fully degrade in our oceans or land environment and they introduce unsafe chemicals into our environment; and

WHEREAS, plastic bags create the potential for death of land and marine animals through entanglement and ingestion; and

WHEREAS, the expansive usage of single-use shopping bags and their typical disposal rates creates an impediment to the City's waste reduction and recycling goals while creating unsightly litter; and

WHEREAS, single-use plastic bags are difficult to recycle and frequently contaminate material that is processed through the City's curbside recycling and composting programs; and

WHEREAS, reusable bags are considered to be the best option to reduce waste and litter, protect wildlife and conserve resources; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission acknowledges that some businesses have taken affirmative steps to accomplish this goal and recognizes their proactive efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the City Commission to encourage and enable the

location of a viable reusable bag manufacturing operation in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the Florida Legislature to provide statewide deregulation of the proliferation of single-use shopping bags; and

WHEREAS, if the State does not act to regulate the proliferation of single-use shopping bags the City Commission would like to potentially enact regulations governing the use of plastic checkout bags;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The City of North Port is committed to the long-term goal of reducing the harms of plastic pollution on our fragile environment and committed to ensuring a thriving, attractive and safe environment for current and future residents and tourists.

SECTION 2. The City of North Port does hereby support initiatives to lessen the negative impact of single-use plastic bags specifically, and supports the promotion of reusable shopping bags as the best alternative to single-use plastic or single-use paper bags.

SECTION 3. The City of North Port supports the State Legislature's action to allow local municipalities in the State of Florida to regulate their own local communities in an effort to alleviate the harms cause by single-use shopping bags; and, therefore, the City of North Port opposes any statewide preemption on local efforts to determine the best course of action with regards to protection of the local environment and tourism economy.

DULY ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF NORTH PORT AT ITS REGULAR SESSION THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2017.

CITY OF NORTH PORT, FLORIDA

LINDA M. YATES
MAYOR

ATTEST:

PATSY ADKINS, MMC
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
CORRECTNESS:

MARK MORIARTY
CITY ATTORNEY