

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Monday, March 18, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, the City Council will hold a public hearing on the following planning and zoning item:

1. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT NO. 2011-002 (REUSABLE BAG ORDINANCE)**. **Applicant:** City of Huntington Beach **Request:** Environmental Impact Report No. 2011-002 analyzes the potential environmental impacts associated with the adoption of a proposed ordinance by the City of Huntington Beach City Council that would prohibit the distribution of plastic carryout bags in commercial point of sale purchases within the City of Huntington Beach and establish a ten (10) cent charge on the issuance of recyclable paper carryout bags at all grocery stores and supermarkets, drug stores, pharmacies, convenience stores, food marts and Huntington Beach farmer's markets. All stores affected by the proposed ordinance would be required to provide reusable bags to customers for either sale or at no charge, and each store would be strongly encouraged to promote the use of reusable bags through staff education and customer outreach.

The Ordinance would also prohibit the distribution of compostable and biodegradable bags, as they are included in the definition of a plastic carryout bag. The Ordinance requires that the paper bags be one hundred percent (100%) recyclable overall, contain a minimum of forty percent (40%) post-consumer recycled material, and be accepted for recycling in curbside programs within the City, among other criteria. The Ordinance further requires that reusable bags be specifically designed and manufactured at a minimum lifetime of 125 uses, be machine washable or made from a material that can be cleaned or disinfected, does not contain lead, cadmium, or other heavy elements in toxic amounts. Plastic bags that are a minimum of 2.25 mils thick are considered to be reusable bags per the definition in the Ordinance. The Ordinance would exempt from the ten (10) cent charge those customers who are participating in either the California Special Supplemental Food Program for the Women, Infants, and Children or the Supplemental Food Program. All applicable stores must provide at the point of sale, free of charge, either reusable bags or recyclable paper carryout bags or both, to these customers, at the store's option. Customers will have the option to use their own reusable bags, or no bag at all. **Location:** Citywide **Project Planner:** Hayden Beckman

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that EIR No. 2011-002 is on file at the City of Huntington Beach Planning and Building Department, 2000 Main Street, and is available for public inspection and comment by contacting the Planning and Building Department, or by telephoning (714) 536-5271.

ON FILE: A copy of the proposed request is on file in the Planning and Building Department, 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach, California 92648, for inspection by the public. A copy of the staff report will be available to interested parties at the City Clerk's Office or on line at <http://www.huntingtonbeachca.gov> Thursday, March 14, 2013.

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS are invited to attend said hearing and express opinions or submit evidence for or against the application as outlined above. If you challenge the City Council's action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City at, or prior to, the public hearing. If there are any further questions please call the Planning and Building Department at (714) 536-5271 and refer to the above items. Direct your written communications to the City Clerk

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