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As we discussed earlier although we accept plastic bags in our single stream recycling it would be beneficial if we passed an ordinance banning them from use in the City for many reasons. I estimate that we currently only get less than 40% of plastic bags in our recycling collection while the rest wind up in the garbage.

While our recycling vendor City Carting does accept plastic bags they are in the future trying to remove them from their list of accepted items. Accepting plastic bags is very confusing to residents as the State DEEP in their efforts to promote recycling recently generated a list called "What's IN, What's OUT" that lists plastic bags as out and not recyclable. When this information was in the Advocate I received numerous calls about the confusion with the list that we publicize.

The additional benefit of an ordinance banning the use of these bags would be to increase the cleanliness of our Transfer Station and City streets and Parks as these bags are so light weight they are a problem due to the wind picking them up blowing all around the Transfer Station and throughout the City. I am sure that no matter how hard we all try to maintain cleanliness residents notice throughout the City plastic bags stuck in trees, fences, etc.

The banning of bags might also minimally reduce our recycling revenues through a reduction in weight but would also eliminate a greater/costlier weight from our garbage stream. The ban thus could result in City savings on garbage hauling costs and staff cleaning costs in many Departments.

Let me know if you would like to discuss this further.

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