

PROPOSED ORDINANCE NO. ____
CONCERNING DISPOSABLE NON-BIODEGRADABLE PLASTIC and NON-RECYCLABLE PAPER CARRYOUT BAGS

(Following Toma's suggested format, the justifications for the ordinance are stated in the introductory WHEREAS clauses.)

WHEREAS non-biodegradable plastic and non-recyclable paper carryout bags often are discarded into the environment and end up polluting our waterways, clogging sewers, endangering marine life and causing unsightly litter; and

WHEREAS the physical breakdown of non-biodegradable plastic carryout bags results in micro plastics that enter the food chain and ultimately accumulate in the human body leading to adverse health effects; and

WHEREAS non-biodegradable plastic carryout (checkout?) bags are not considered recyclable; and *(DEEP determination, Dan Collelouri's email on the record)(settle on a single term-checkout v. carryout?)*

WHEREAS it is beneficial to the land and aquatic environment and to human health to prohibit the use of non-biodegradable plastic and non-recyclable paper carryout bags and encourage the use of reusable checkout (carryout) bags;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STAMFORD THAT:
to protect the land and the aquatic environment and human health in the City of Stamford Chapter _____, Stamford Disposable Carryout Bag Ordinance, prohibiting the use of non-biodegradable plastic and non-recyclable paper carryout bags is hereby adopted: