

RESOLUTION NO. 17-30

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND SUPPORTING HOME RULE FOR THE LOCAL REGULATION OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS

WHEREAS, the City of Treasure Island is diligent in its efforts to preserve its beautiful beaches and environment, which is imperative to the City's economy; and

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

WHEREAS, the City of Treasure Island supports the initiatives proposed by other municipalities to limit plastic waste; and

WHEREAS, Floridians generate approximately 32 million tons of waste each year, but recycle less than 30%; and

WHEREAS, improper disposal of single-use bags hinder recycling and waste management equipment, vulnerable stormwater infrastructure, and litter control efforts; and

WHEREAS, plastic bags do not fully degrade in our oceans or on land, introduce unsafe chemicals into our environment, and harm animals through entanglement and ingestion; and

WHEREAS, the extensive use of disposable plastic bags in Florida may present a detriment to the City's goals for litter and waste reduction; and

WHEREAS, reusable bags are considered to be the best alternative to single-use plastic retail bags to reduce waste and litter, protect wildlife and conserve resources; and

WHEREAS, if the State does not act to regulate the proliferation of single-use shopping bags, the City Commission may potentially elect to enact future regulations governing the use of single-use plastic bags; and

WHEREAS, the City of Treasure Island Commission, after due consideration, has determined that supporting home rule for the local regulation of single-use plastic bags is in the best interests of the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TREASURE ISLAND DOES RESOLVE THAT:

Section 1. The City of Treasure Island is committed to the long-term goal of reducing plastic pollution in our oceans and is committed to maintaining its beautiful beaches for current and future residents and tourists.

Section 2. The City of Treasure Island 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 Treasure Island supports action by the State Legislature to allow local municipalities in the State of Florida to regulate their own local communities in a manner they deem is in the best interests of their City.

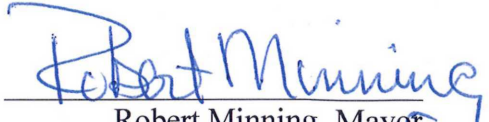
Section 4. The Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was offered during Regular Session of the City Commission of the City of Treasure Island, Florida, sitting on the 7th day of March 2017 by Commissioner Lunn who moved its adoption; was seconded by Commissioner Keys and upon roll call, the vote was:

YEAS: Commissioners Lunn, Jeffares, Keys, Collins, and Mayor Minning

NAYS: None

ABSENT OR ABSTAINING: None


Robert Minning, Mayor

ATTEST:


Tiffany Makras, City Clerk