

RESOLUTION 2015-12-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAYTON,
FLORIDA SUPPORTING THE INITIATIVES OF LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES
IN FLORIDA TO LESSEN THE NEGATIVE IMPACT OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC
BAGS ON OUR ENVIRONMENT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

WHEREAS, the City is diligent in its efforts to preserve the beautiful environment that's supports the tourism industry which is so vital to the economy of the Florida Keys 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 ingestions; and

WHEREAS, the expansive usage of single-use shopping bags and their typical disposal rates creates an impediment to 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 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, City Council believes in municipal home rule whenever possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAYTON, FLORIDA, THAT:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein.

Section 2. The City of Layton 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.

Section 3. City Council 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 4. City Council supports the State Legislature's proposed action to allow local municipalities in the State of Florida to regulate their own local communities in an effort to alleviate the

harms caused by single use shopping bags; and therefore, the City Council opposes any statewide preemption on local efforts to determine the best course of action with regards to protection of the local environment.

Section 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAYTON, MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA,
THE 3RD DAY OF DECEMBER 2015.**


	YES	NO
VICE MAYOR CLARK SNOW	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
COUNCILWOMAN KATIE SCOTT	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
COUNCILMAN BILL MURCHIE	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
COUNCILMAN GREG LEWIS	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
COUNCILMAN BRUCE HALLE	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>

THE CITY OF LAYTON, MONROE COUNTY, FLORIDA



Mayor Norman Anderson

ATTEST:



Mimi Young, City Clerk