

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-50

**A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF PINECREST,
FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE INITIATIVE BY LOCAL
MUNICIPALITIES IN FLORIDA TO LESSEN THE
NEGATIVE IMPACT OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS
ON THE ENVIRONMENT; PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Village of Pinecrest is diligent in its efforts to preserve the beautiful environment that supports the tourism industry which is so vital to the economy of Florida; and

WHEREAS, plastic bags are detrimental because they do not fully degrade in the oceans or land environment and they introduce unsafe chemicals into the environment; and

WHEREAS, plastic bags create the potential for death of animals through entanglement and ingestion; and

WHEREAS, the expansive usage of single-use shopping bags and their typical disposal rates creates an impediment to the Village'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 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, the Village Council acknowledges that some businesses have taken affirmative steps to accomplish this goal and recognizes their proactive efforts; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the Village Council to encourage and enable the location of a viable reusable bag manufacturing operation in the State of Florida; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the Florida Legislature to provide statewide deregulation of the proliferation of single-use shopping bags; and

WHEREAS, if the State does not act to regulate the proliferation of single-use shopping bags, the Village Council would like to potentially enact regulations governing the use of plastic checkout bags;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF PINECREST, FLORIDA:

Section 1. That the Village of Pinecrest 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 and tourists and 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 2. That the Village of Pinecrest supports the State Legislature's action to allow local municipalities in the State of Florida to regulate their own local communities in an effort to alleviate the harms cause by single-use shopping bags; and, therefore, the Village Council opposes any statewide preemption on local efforts to determine the best course of action with regards to protection of the local environment and tourism economy.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of October, 2014.



Cindy Lerner, Mayor

Attest:



Guido H. Inguanzo, Jr., CMC
Village Clerk

Approved as to Form and Legal Sufficiency:



Mitchell Bierman
Village Attorney



Motion by: Councilmember McDonald
Second by: Vice Mayor Corradino

Vote: Councilmembers Cutler, McDonald, Ross, Vice Mayor Corradino, and Mayor Lerner voting Yes