

Legislation Text

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Amending Chapter 9-4900 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Prohibition on Use of Certain Bags By Retail Establishments,” to further define the term single-use plastic bag and add reporting provisions, all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Title 9 of The Philadelphia Code is hereby amended as follows:

CHAPTER 9-4900. PROHIBITION ON USE OF
CERTAIN BAGS BY RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS

§ 9-4901. Definitions.

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(6) Single-use Plastic Bag means a bag made from [plastic that is less than 2.25 mils thick or] *plastic, including a plastic bag made through a blown-film extrusion process, but not including an Exempted Bag.*

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§ 9-4904. Study of Bag Use.

The Office of Sustainability, or such other office or department as may be designated by the Mayor, is called upon to conduct or commission a study of the quantities and frequency of the provision by retail establishments to customers of Single-use Plastic Bags, other plastic bags, non-Recyclable Paper Bags, Recyclable Paper Bags and any other bags before the effective date; six months after the effective date; and one year after the effective date. *The findings of this study may inform future changes to the regulation of the provision of bags by retail establishments. If the use of single use bags does not decline by 80% following the one year study or by January 1, 2023 an imposition of a 15 cent fee per bag will be imposed at the retail level on all single use bags. Any such reports shall be provided to the Chief Clerk of Council and posted on a City webpage within two weeks of finalization of the report.]*

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