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From: Autumn Salamack
Sent: Thursday, October 22, 2020 11:45 AM
To: Debbie Tarry
Cc: Bethany Wolbrecht-Dunn; John Norris; Pollie McCloskey
Subject: RE: Updating SMC for the 2021 statewide plastic bag ban

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Hi Debbie,

Staff at Ecology shared that they will have a social media push and invite media coverage of the bag ban once all the outreach materials are translated (coming soon). Beyond that, their only direct communication will be through the Department of Revenue's communications in business' online tax portals, where they will inform them about the \$0.08 cent charge requirements and link to Ecology's Bag Ban website for more information. They are asking that business associations, organizations, and local governments do whatever outreach they can to further amplify the message.

Best,
Autumn

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Thanks Autumn –

Do you know if the State is sending out communication to the local stores, etc. so they are aware that the state law will be superseding any local action? Please work with Pollie to schedule as a consent item.

Pollie – let's put on the agenda for the next Mayor/Dep Mayor meeting. Thanks.

Debbie Tarry

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Subject: Updating SMC for the 2021 statewide plastic bag ban

Hi Debbie,

The Washington State Legislature in 2020 passed [a statewide ban on single-use plastic bags](#). Washington's Plastic Bag Ban will reduce pollution by prohibiting single-use plastic carryout bags and charging a fee for acceptable bags in business establishments beginning in January 2021.

This statewide law supersedes [Ordinance No. 653](#), which enacted the carryout bag regulations in the City of Shoreline in April 2013. The new law will also end the [Emergency Order](#) signed earlier this year to suspend our local plastic bag ban until the effective date of Phase 3 of Washington's Safe Start Plan. In January, eligible businesses will have to comply with the state law no matter what phase we're in.

In reviewing discussions with Bethany and Julie, it looks like [Chapter 9.25 SMC](#) needs to be repealed in its entirety by a repealer ordinance, which the CAO would write, by January 1, 2021. I have attached a draft document highlighting what the new law requires, key changes for our local retailers, and draft plans for outreach to local businesses about the new requirements. Per a conversation with Ecology staff this week, there are no current plans to delay implementation of this law due to the pandemic.

I can work with Pollie to find time for a brief Council presentation on this before mid-December to get this on the consent agenda in a timely manner for action. Please let me know if you have any questions or if there's anything else required for this change to take place.

Thanks,

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