

RESOLUTION
NO. 17-02

A RESOLUTION
TO BE ENTITLED:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA SUPPORTING LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS TO REPEAL, OR IN THE ALTERNATIVE, AMEND SECTION 403.7033, FLORIDA STATUTES, SO THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS ARE NO LONGER PREEMPTED FROM ENACTING LEGISLATION REGULATING NON-DEGRADABLE CONTAINERS.

WHEREAS, the City Council diligently strives to preserve the environment, which is important to the economy of the City of Pensacola; and

WHEREAS, plastic bags and Styrofoam containers are detrimental because they do not fully degrade, they introduce unsafe chemicals into our environment, create the potential for the death of land and marine animals through entanglement and/or ingestion; and

WHEREAS, the expansive usage of single-use bags and their typical disposal rates creates an impediment to the City's waste reduction and recycling goals, are difficult to recycle, frequently contaminate material that is processed through the City's recycling programs and create unsightly litter; and

WHEREAS, replacing single use bags and containers with reusable bags and containers is considered a quick and easy way to reduce waste and litter, protect wildlife and conserve resources; and

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

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the public for the Florida Legislature to allow local regulation of single-use bags and containers; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PENSACOLA, FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. That the Pensacola City Council supports the repeal of, or, in the alternative, an amendment to, Section 403.7033, Florida Statutes, which would allow for local regulation of non-degradable bags and containers, such as those made of plastic and Styrofoam.

SECTION 2. That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Florida Legislature.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall become effective on the fifth business day after adoption, unless otherwise provided pursuant to Section 4.03(d) of the City Charter of the City of Pensacola.

Adopted: _____

Approved: _____
President of City Council

Attest:

City Clerk