



# City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street  
Pensacola, FL 32502

## Memorandum

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**File #:** 18-00200

City Council

5/10/2018

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### **LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM**

**SPONSOR:** City Council Vice President Sherri F. Myers

**SUBJECT:**

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT OF ART (TURTLE) MADE FROM 1000 RECYCLED PLASTIC BAGS

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That City Council accept this gift of art (Turtle) for display in City Hall as an educational tool regarding recycling and storm water efforts currently underway within the City.

**HEARING REQUIRED:** No Hearing Required

**SUMMARY:**

The use of plastic bags has and is creating an environmental concern. According to one study, if changes in consumer habits are not made, by the year 2050 there will be more plastics in the ocean than fish.

The average family takes home 15 plastic bags from a typical shopping trip. These bags are used an average of 12 minutes and the bags can take 20-1000 years to degrade.

Locally the use and discarding of plastics, including plastic bags, has created environmental issues for local water ways like Carpenter's Creek as well as clogging up the City's storm water system.

This turtle will serve as an educational piece of art. It will be placed within a prominent area of City Hall and will provide information regarding recycling, facts regarding the use of plastics and the detrimental effects being seen environmentally as well as within City facilities.

**PRIOR ACTION:**

None

**FUNDING:**

N/A

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

None

**STAFF CONTACT:**

Don Kraher, Council Executive

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 1) Recycled Plastic Bag Art -- Turtle

**PRESENTATION:** No