



THE MAYOR AND BOROUGH COUNCIL
of the
BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE
County of Essex
State of New Jersey

Monday, February 24, 2020

RESOLUTION NO. 48 - 20

Offered by Councilor **MANS**
Seconded by Councilor

WHEREAS, the production and disposal of single use plastic bags has significant environmental impacts and the littering of our environment has become a serious threat particularly to our wildlife and natural environment; and

WHEREAS, single use plastic bags have created a significant litter problem throughout the Borough of Glen Ridge and its neighborhoods, parks, stormwater systems, streams and natural features; and

WHEREAS, single use plastic bags are a preventable source of litter and pollution and studies have documented that the banning of single use plastic bags will dramatically reduce the use of plastic bags and increase the use of reusable bags; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds that the appropriate goal is a combination of a ban on the use of single use plastic bags and other single-use plastic items by retail establishments and the imposition of a minimum charge by retail establishments for paper bags, thereby encouraging the goal of the public's use of reusable bags; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council finds that the reduction in the use of single use plastic bags by retail establishments in the Borough would be a public benefit and the Borough desires to reduce the number of such plastic bags that are being used, discarded and littering the Borough and to promote the use of reusable carry out bags and recyclable paper bags at retail establishments located within the Borough; and

WHEREAS, the individual enactment of local ordinances by the state's 565 municipalities would create an uneven system of enforcement and standards on what plastic items are banned and further impact the state's business climate and resident quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Glen Ridge is otherwise committed to join the 100+ other municipalities in NJ who have passed ordinances and two county bans in order to improve public health, recycling rates as well as financial savings for municipality due to less contamination and litter on Borough's properties; and

WHEREAS, the NJ Senate has passed the strongest bi-partisan plastic pollution bill in the nation (S864) and now the bill is in NJ Assembly (A1978) for this voting session.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of

Glen Ridge, County of Essex and State of New Jersey that:

1. The Borough strongly supports legislation by the State of New Jersey which would effectively ban the use by businesses of single use plastic bags and other single-use plastic items, thereby promoting the use of reusable carryout bags by retail establishments throughout the State.
2. The Borough Council urges the Borough's State Senator and Assembly members to pass such legislation and for the Governor to approve and sign such legislation as soon as may be practical.
3. The Borough Clerk is hereby directed to certify copies of this Resolution as true copies of such Resolution and further directed to send such copies to Governor Phil Murphy, State Senator Ronald L. Rice, State Assemblyman Ralph R Caputo and State Assemblywoman Cleopatra G. Tucker.

Certified as a true and exact copy of the Resolution adopted by The Council on this 24^h day of February 2020.

Tara Lyn Ventola
Deputy Clerk