

Barry, Wendi - Borough Clerk

Subject:

FW: Please Pass a Local Plastics Ordinance

From: Monika Stapleton [REDACTED]
Date: May 15, 2019 at 1:55:17 PM EDT
To: "Mr. Douglas Marvin" <dmarvin@newprov.org>
Subject: Please Pass a Local Plastics Ordinance
Reply-To: Monika Stapleton [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Marvin,

Dear Mayor & Council,

Our neighborhoods, storm drains, waterways and streets are filling up with plastic bags. Plastic bags are not compatible with standard recycling and they increase our reliance on fossil fuels, contaminate the local water supply and agricultural soil, decrease property values, clog sewers and drainage systems, and harm wildlife.

When thrown away plastic bags are sent to polluting landfills and incinerators. Managing plastic bag waste costs the town thousands of dollars in pickup, dumping, litter cleanup, and damage to recycling equipment.

We can put an end to our "throw-away" habits by banning some of the most common throwaway items, such as plastic bags. Nearly 20 NJ towns and two states (CA and NY) have already done so through ordinance or legislation, and I would like our town to be next.

Please do all you can to pass a plastic bag ban in our town. I would appreciate a response to this request. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Monika Stapleton
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