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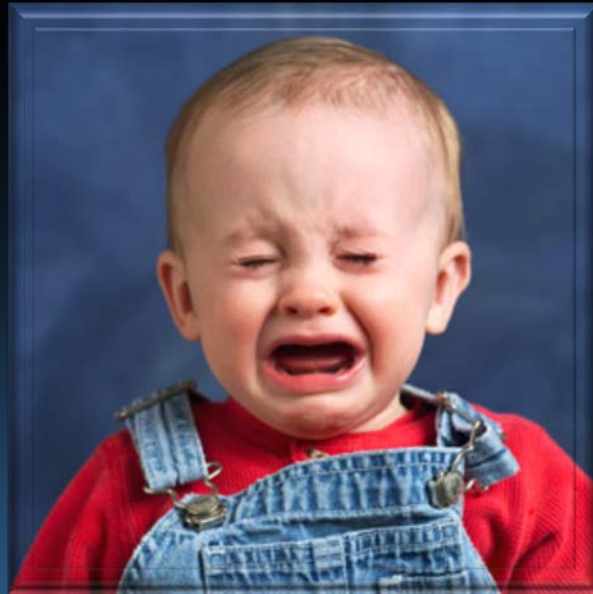
# Article 35 Plastic Bag Reduction Bylaw



# Why Vote Yes?

- Stop the environmental damage caused by plastic checkout bags
- Increase the adoption of reusable shopping bags
- Live sustainably

“Plastic bags are everywhere!”



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# Plastic Bags Are Harmful

- Deadly to marine life
- Cost \$\$ to collect as litter
- Never biodegrade
- Clog storm drains
- Minimal recycling (low-value material)
- Jam recycling machinery
- Based on fossil fuels
- Made with toxic chemicals
- Disposal: burned or landfilled

# The Bylaw: Key Points

- Applies to all retail and grocery stores
- Stores cannot distribute, use, or sell thin-film, single-use **CHECKOUT** bags
- Does not apply to produce, bulk, deli bags

Thin-film = 2.5 mils or less

# The Bylaw: Key Points

- Violators face non-criminal fines:

Warning / \$25.00 / \$50.00

# Transition to Reusable Bags

- Designed for long-term use
- Made of thick plastic, cloth or fabric
- Washable
- Many sizes, shapes and types
- Inexpensive
- Save the retailer money; save you money

# Transition to Reusable Bags

***Sustainable.***

# Growing Movement

## Massachusetts

- Brookline
- Falmouth
- Great Barrington
- Manchester by the Sea
- Marblehead
- Nantucket
- Newburyport
- Newton
- Provincetown

## United States

- California
- Chicago
- Washington, DC

## Countries

- Bangladesh
- China
- Eritrea
- India
- Rwanda

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### Newton Unanimously Bans Plastic Bags

*Aldermen said yes to the plastic bag ban for Newton.*

By Charlene Arsenault (Patch Staff)  
January 22, 2015 at 7:47am



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