

**JUNE 3, 2015 CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING AGENDA  
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A.C. Gonzalez  
City Manager

5/29/15

Date



Jeanne Chipperfield  
Chief Financial Officer

5/29/2015

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DALLAS, TEXAS



# COUNCIL BRIEFING AGENDA

June 3, 2015

Date

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## General Information

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- All persons should refrain from private conversation, eating, drinking and smoking while in the Council Chamber.
- Posters or placards must remain outside the Council Chamber.
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## Información General

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- Ninguna persona retrasará o interrumpirá los procedimientos, o se negará a obedecer las órdenes del oficial que preside la asamblea.
- Todas las personas deben abstenerse de entablar conversaciones, comer, beber y fumar dentro de la cámara del Ayuntamiento.
- Anuncios y pancartas deben permanecer fuera de la cámara del Ayuntamiento.
- No se permite usar teléfonos celulares o enlaces electrónicos (*pagets*) audibles en la cámara del Ayuntamiento durante audiencias del Ayuntamiento Municipal.

"Los ciudadanos y visitantes presentes durante las asambleas del Ayuntamiento Municipal deben obedecer las mismas reglas de comportamiento, decoro y buena conducta que se aplican a los miembros del Ayuntamiento Municipal. Cualquier persona que haga comentarios impertinentes, utilice vocabulario obsceno o difamatorio, o que al dirigirse al Ayuntamiento lo haga en forma escandalosa, o si causa disturbio durante la asamblea del Ayuntamiento Municipal, será expulsada de la cámara si el oficial que esté presidiendo la asamblea así lo ordena. Además, se le prohibirá continuar participando en la audiencia ante el Ayuntamiento Municipal. Si el oficial que preside la asamblea no toma acción, cualquier otro miembro del Ayuntamiento Municipal puede tomar medidas para hacer cumplir las reglas establecidas, y el voto afirmativo de la mayoría del Ayuntamiento Municipal precisará al oficial que esté presidiendo la sesión a tomar acción." Según la sección 3.3(c) de las reglas de procedimientos del Ayuntamiento.

AGENDA  
CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015  
CITY HALL  
1500 MARILLA  
DALLAS, TEXAS 75201  
9:00 A.M.

9:00 am      Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance 6ES  
  
                  Special Presentations  
  
                  Update on Flood Control Systems and Operations  
  
                  Open Microphone Speakers

VOTING AGENDA 6ES

1.      Approval of Minutes of the May 20, 2015 City Council Meeting
2.      Consideration of appointments to boards and commissions and the evaluation and duties of board and commission members (List of nominees is available in the City Secretary's Office)

ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

**City Secretary's Office**

3.      Receive the report of the Ad Hoc City Council Canvassing Committee and adopt a resolution and order accepting the canvassing committee's report declaring the recount results of the May 9, 2015 general election for City Council District 7 - Financing: No cost consideration to the City

**Mayor and City Council**

4.      An ordinance amending Chapter 9C, "Carryout Bags," of the Dallas City Code to prohibit the distribution of single-use carryout bags by business establishments, eliminate the business establishment registration and environmental fee program, and other Chapter 9C amendments - Financing: No cost consideration to the City

BRIEFINGS 6ES

- A.      Downtown Dallas Historic Preservation Task Force  
          Report of Findings and Recommendations

Lunch

AGENDA  
CITY COUNCIL BRIEFING MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2015

BRIEFINGS (Continued) 6ES

B. Proposed City/DART Hike and Bike Trail Agreement

Closed Session 6ES

Attorney Briefings (Sec. 551.071 T.O.M.A.)

- Update regarding foreclosure of liens securing loan to Sapphire Road Development, LLC.
- Legal issues relating to Southwest Airlines, Inc. v. U.S. Dept. of Transp., Case No. 15-1036 (D.C. Cir.), pending requests for gate accommodations at Love Field, and related matters.

Personnel (Sec. 551.074 T.O.M.A.)

- Discussion regarding evaluation of the performance of City Secretary Rosa A. Rios

Open Microphone Speakers 6ES

The above schedule represents an estimate of the order for the indicated briefings and is subject to change at any time. Current agenda information may be obtained by calling (214) 670-3100 during working hours.

Note: An expression of preference or a preliminary vote may be taken by the Council on any of the briefing items.

A closed executive session may be held if the discussion of any of the above agenda items concerns one of the following:

1. Contemplated or pending litigation, or matters where legal advice is requested of the City Attorney. Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
2. The purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person. Section 551.072 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
3. A contract for a prospective gift or donation to the City, if the deliberation in an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the position of the City in negotiations with a third person. Section 551.073 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
4. Personnel matters involving the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of a public officer or employee or to hear a complaint against an officer or employee. Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
5. The deployment, or specific occasions for implementation of security personnel or devices. Section 551.076 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.
6. Deliberations regarding economic development negotiations. Section 551.087 of the Texas Open Meetings Act.



**KEY FOCUS AREA:** E-Gov  
**AGENDA DATE:** June 3, 2015  
**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):** N/A  
**DEPARTMENT:** City Secretary  
**CMO:** Rosa Rios, 670-3738  
**MAPSCO:** N/A

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**SUBJECT**

Receive the report of the Ad Hoc City Council Canvassing Committee and adopt a resolution and order accepting the canvassing committee's report declaring the recount results of the May 9, 2015 general election for City Council District 7 - Financing: No cost consideration to the City

**BACKGROUND**

On Wednesday, May 21, 2015, a request for recount of the May 9, 2015 General Election results for City Council District 7 was submitted. Immediately following the request, Mayor Rawlings designated the City Secretary as the Recount Supervisor/Coordinator to administrate the recount. The recount was held Thursday, May 28, 2015. The recount resulted in changes to the number of votes received by candidates. These changes, however, had no effect on the candidates that qualified for a place in the runoff election under the initial canvass of the May 9, 2015 General Election.

In accordance with Texas Election Code, Section 213.033 (a), which states in part, "As soon as practicable after completion of a recount that changes the number of votes received for a particular candidate..., the canvassing authority shall conduct a canvass for the office or measure involved using the recount committee's report in the recount supervisor's possession, instead of the original precinct election returns, for each precinct in which a recount was conducted. An original canvass for the office or measure is void, and the new canvass is the official canvass for the election on that office..."

**PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)**

Resolution No. 15-0515, passed by the City Council on March 25, 2015, authorized the appointment of the Ad Hoc City Council Canvassing Committee to review the returns of the May 9, 2015 general election and submit a canvass report to the full City Council on May 20, 2015.

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

No cost consideration to the City

## AGENDA ITEM # 4

**KEY FOCUS AREA:** Clean, Healthy Environment

**AGENDA DATE:** June 3, 2015

**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):** All

**DEPARTMENT:** Mayor and City Council

**CMO:** A C Gonzalez, 670-3297

**MAPSCO:** N/A

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### **SUBJECT**

An ordinance amending Chapter 9C, "Carryout Bags," of the Dallas City Code to prohibit the distribution of single-use carryout bags by business establishments, eliminate the business establishment registration and environmental fee program, and other Chapter 9C amendments - Financing: No cost consideration to the City

### **BACKGROUND**

On March 26, 2014, City Council approved an ordinance adding Chapter 9C, "Carryout Bags" to the Dallas City Code to provide regulations for single-use and reusable carryout bags; and a resolution instructing staff to explore options for reducing the impacts of single-use carryout bags. That ordinance went into effect on January 1, 2015. The Mayor and City Council requested that this item be placed on the City Council agenda.

### **PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)**

Briefed to the Quality of Life and Environmental Committee on June 10, 2013.

Briefed to City Council on August 21, 2013.

Briefed to the Quality of Life and Environment Committee on September 9, 2013.

Briefed to the Quality of Life and Environment Committee on October 14, 2013.

Briefed to the Quality of Life and Environment Committee on November 18, 2013.

Briefed to City Council on January 15, 2014.

**PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS) (Continued)**

On March 26, 2014, City Council approved Ordinance No. 29307, adding Chapter 9C, "Carryout Bags" to the Dallas City Code to provide regulations for single-use and reusable carryout bags; and a resolution instructing staff to explore options for reducing the impacts of single-use carryout bags, effective January 1, 2015, by Resolution No. 14-0564.

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

No cost consideration to the City.

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE May 13, 2015

TO The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT Update on Single-Use Carry Out Bag Ordinance

The attached briefing provides an update on the single-use carry out bag ordinance.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joey Zapata'.

Joey Zapata  
Assistant City Manager

## Attachment

c: A.C. Gonzalez, City Manager  
Warren M.S. Ernst, City Attorney  
Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor  
Rosa A. Rios, City Secretary  
Daniel F. Solis, Administrative Judge  
Ryan S. Evans, First Assistant City Manager  
Eric D. Campbell, Assistant City Manager  
Jill A. Jordan, P.E., Assistant City Manager  
Mark McDaniel, Assistant City Manager  
Jeanne Chipperfield, Chief Financial Officer  
Sana Syed, Public Information Officer  
Elsa Cantu, Assistant to the City Manager – Mayor & Council

# Update on Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinance



# Purpose

- Provide an enforcement update for the first quarter of the Carryout Bag Ordinance
- Questions raised for discussion purposes

# Timeline

- Briefed Council Committee:
  - TEC and QOL: 06/10/13
  - QOL: 09/09/13; 10/14/13; 10/28/13; 11/18/13;
- Briefed City Council:
  - 08/21/13; 01/15/14; 03/26/14
- Carryout Bag ordinance adopted: March 26, 2014
- Effective date: January 1, 2015

# Environmental Fee

- Environmental fee of \$0.05 is charged to the customer per single-use bag
  - Businesses may charge additional amount for bags
- Environmental fee listed as a separate item on customer's transaction receipt
- Businesses remit environmental fees to the City on a quarterly basis by the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the month following each calendar quarter
  - Update: As of May 11, 2015, 608 business establishments have remitted \$520,300 to the City for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter
- Business establishment may retain 10 percent of the environmental fee to offset costs

# Education of Business Owners

- Letters sent to identified business establishments regarding the ordinance
  - 9,000 mailed in June 2014
  - 7,700 mailed in October 2014
  - 7,700 mailed in January 2015
- Frequently asked questions, signage examples, registration forms and additional information are available on [www.greendallas.net](http://www.greendallas.net)

# Education of Consumers

- News segments
  - MyFOXDFW (Channel 4) morning show
  - WFAA (Channel 8) morning show
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- Dallas City News Network video
  - Video created and shared via internet
- Brochures distributed
  - Posters printed and distributed to City facilities
  - Bookmarks distributed at budget Town Hall meetings
  - Water bill insert sent through DWU
  - Tri-fold informational flier distributed to stores and residents
- Visited 12 WIC clinics and spoke with clients
  - Gave out 600 Green Dallas bags to families on assistance

# Enforcement Update

- Currently utilizing existing Code Compliance staff
  - 6 inspectors
  - 1 manager (0.25 FTE due to managing multiple units)
  - 1 supervisor (0.25 FTE)
  - 1 neighborhood code representative (0.50 FTE)

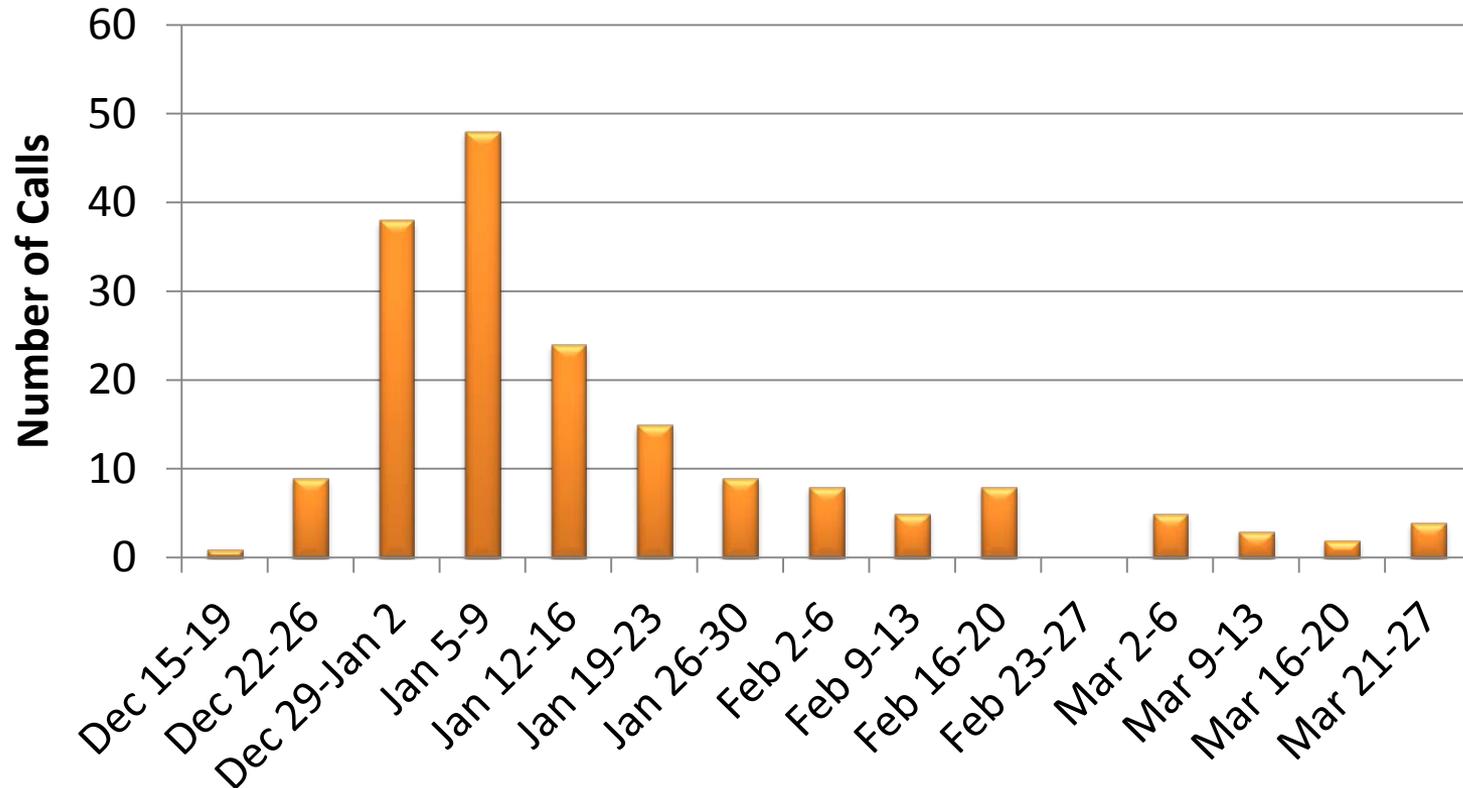
# Enforcement Update

As of March 31, 2015

- 2,133 businesses registered to issue single-use bags
  - Registration only required if business offers single-use bags and does not qualify for any exemptions
- Calls to 311 call center since December 15, 2014
  - 37 complaints by public
  - 54 comments received from public
  - 125 information requests by public
- Inspections conducted: 912
  - 874 proactive and 38 complaint
    - 680 cases closed; 232 open and being worked
- Notices of violation issued: 566
- **Citations issued: 0**

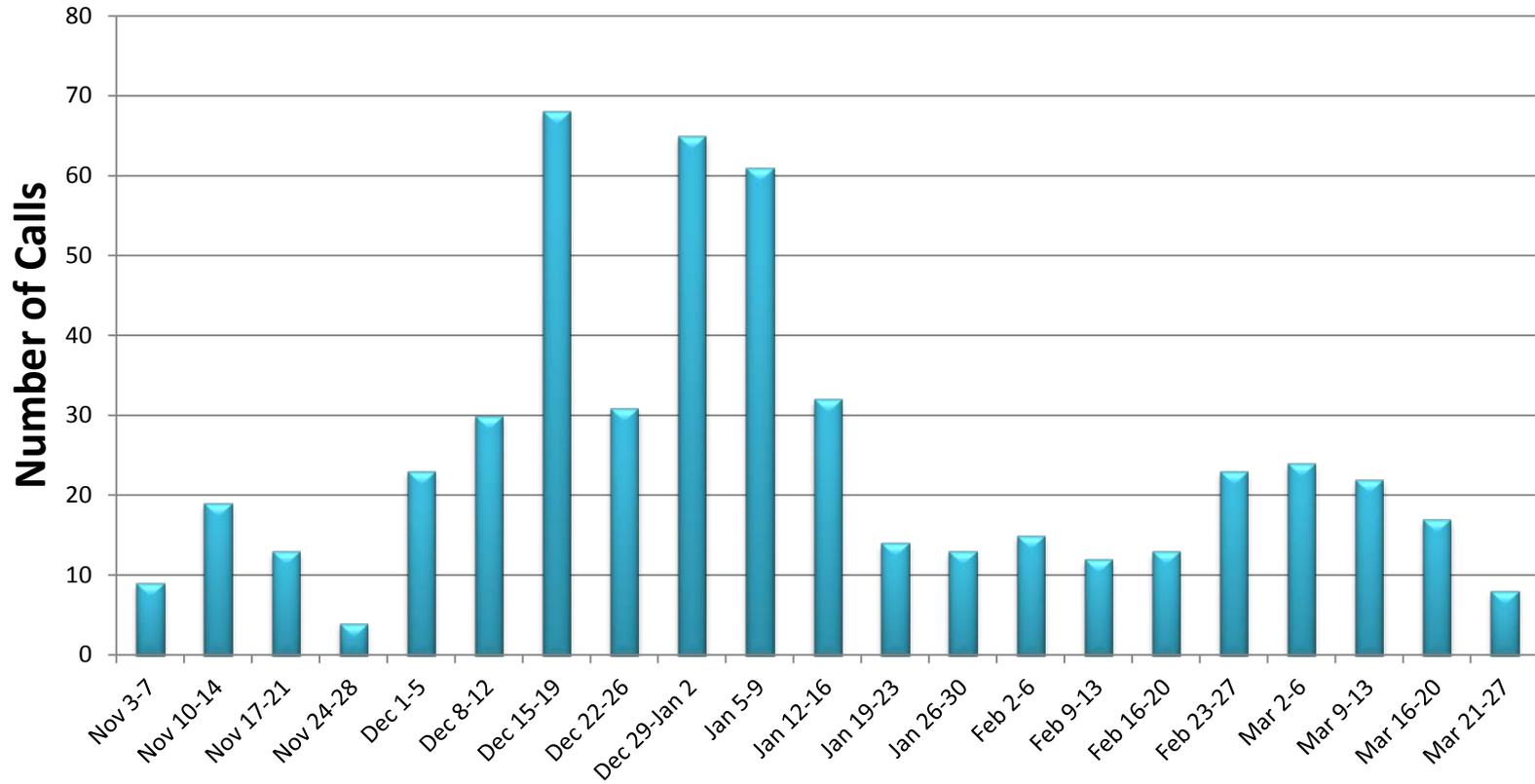
# 311 Call Volume

Comments and Information Only Calls  
(No Service Request Created)



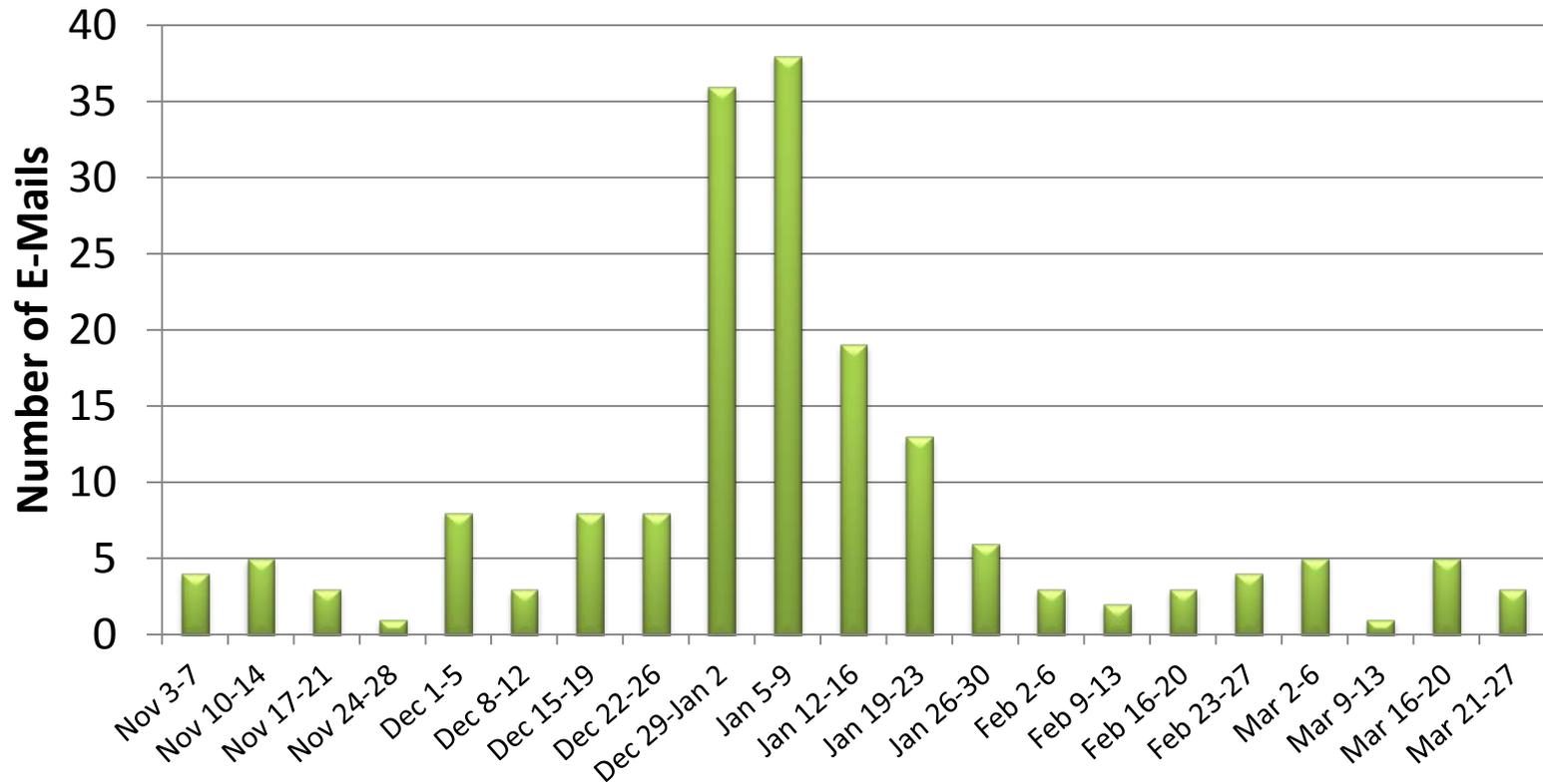
# Code Compliance Call Volume

## Carry-Out Bag Ordinance Calls



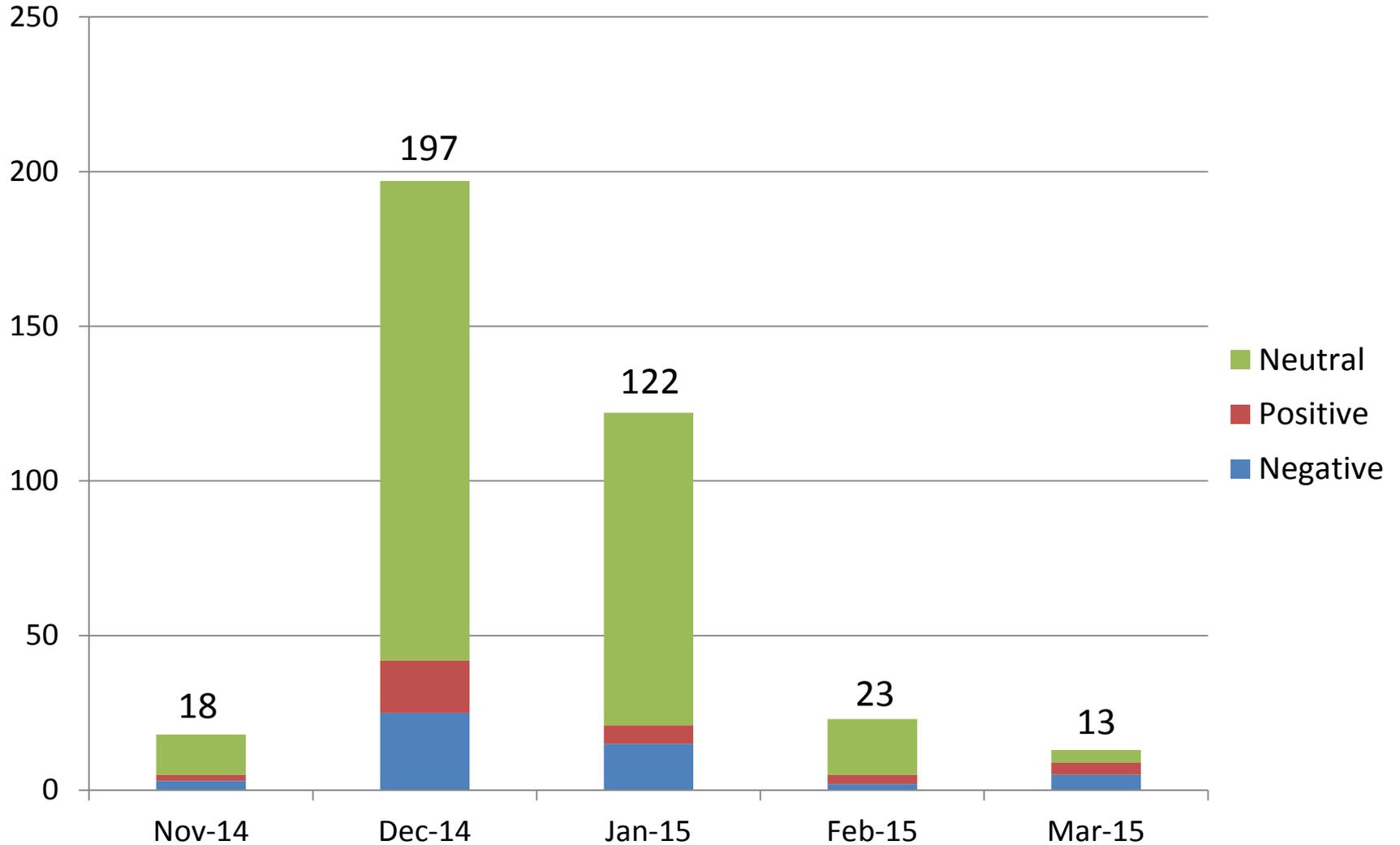
# [www.greendallas.net](http://www.greendallas.net) Volume

## GreenDallas E-mails



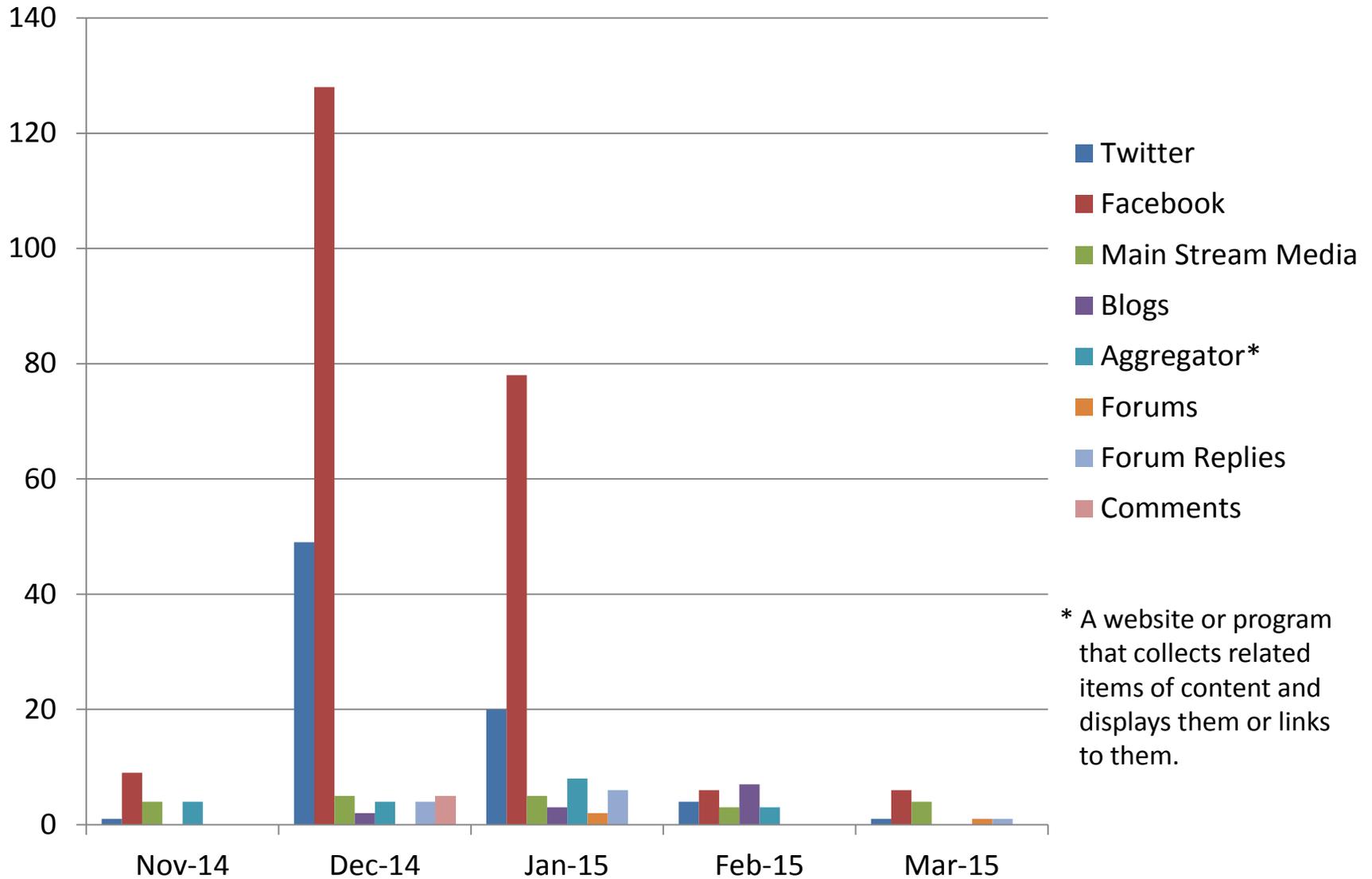


# Summary of Social Media Posts and Mentions by Sentiment



Note: positive indicates support for ban

# Carryout Bag Posts and Mentions by Media Type



# Most Common Notice of Violations Issued to Businesses

- Single-use carryout bag not meeting minimum thickness of 0.70 mil
- Lack of interior and/or exterior signage or verbiage requirements for each
- No registration to issue (sell) single-use bags
- Documentation for standards on allowable reusable carryout bags (16 lbs. X 100 uses)
- Failure to properly collect environmental fee for each single-use bag

# Outcomes

- Business establishments chose how they would comply with the requirements of the ordinance
  - Register and issue single-use bag that meet ordinance requirements
  - Offer reusable bags that meet the ordinance requirements or apply for alternative reusable bag approval
  - Offer no carryout bags to customers

# Outcomes

- Did consumers decide to shop outside of Dallas?
  - Recognizing this is not a definitive cause/effect relationship, sales tax revenues showed a 9.5% increase from January 2014 compared to January 2015
- Did shoplifting increase as a result of people bringing in their own bags?
  - Shoplifting statistics showed a 26% decrease from January/February 2014 to January/February 2015
- Has the ordinance been successful?
  - Success would show a declining number of single-use bags issued, which cannot be determined until after multiple reporting quarters can be compared
  - Staff has requested numbers from retailers

# Questions Raised for Discussion

- Are newspaper bags considered “carryout bags” and subject to the ordinance?
  - If yes, should only biodegradable newspaper bags be exempt?
  - If yes, are biodegradable newspaper bags available?
  - Staff recommendation: No
- Do carryout bag requirements apply to goods not purchased or not given at point of sale as well?
  - Examples: trade show giveaways, samples, purchases delivered
  - Staff recommendation: No
- Should the name of the business establishment have to be printed on the bag?
  - Staff recommendation: No

# Questions Raised for Discussion

- Should the thickness of the bag in mil have to be printed on paper bags even though standard measurement for paper bags is weight?
  - Staff recommendation: No, paper bags should have weight printed on them
- Should signs posted on interior of business establishment have to be made of rigid, weather-resistant metal?
  - Staff recommendation: No
- Should “independent documentation” for reusability and durability of reusable bags required for both “reusable bags” and “alternative reusable bags”?
  - Staff recommendation: Yes

# Next Steps

- Continue proactive enforcement to educate and bring businesses into compliance
- Based on direction given by Council, draft ordinance changes, if any, and propose for adoption
- Continue to provide periodic updates to City Council

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

An ordinance amending Chapter 9C, "Carryout Bags," of the Dallas City Code prohibiting business establishments from providing single-use carryout bags to customers at the point of sale; eliminating the registration, environmental fee, business name on reusable bags, and signage requirements; providing a penalty not to exceed \$500; providing a saving clause; providing a severability clause; and providing an effective date.

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas wishes to promote a "culture of clean"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Dallas desires to protect the natural environment, the economy, and the health of its residents; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the city of Dallas to protect the environment by regulating the use of carryout bags; Now, Therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DALLAS:

SECTION 1. That Chapter 9C, "Carryout Bags," of the Dallas City Code is amended to read as follows:

**"CHAPTER 9C  
CARRYOUT BAGS**

**SEC. 9C-1. PURPOSE.**

The purposes of this chapter are to:

(1) promote a "culture of clean" by reducing the negative impacts caused by single-use carryout bags, including:

(A) ugliness on city streets, sidewalks, trees, bushes, vacant lots, city parks, waterways, reservoirs, and shorelines that is detrimental to the quality of life of residents, the property values of homeowners, and the tourism industry;

(B) clogging stormwater and drainage systems, causing flooding, backups, and other additional harm to the environment; and

(C) polluting the landscape;

(2) reduce the costs associated with the use and distribution of single-use carryout bags;

(3) reduce the effort associated with the removal of litter generated by the use and distribution of single-use carryout bags;

(4) reduce the harmful impacts of single-use carryout bags on natural resources, including wildlife and plants;

(5) reduce the [environmental] impacts of single-use carryout bags on the environment, including natural landscapes, streams, creeks, reservoirs, lakes, and the Trinity River; and

(6) encourage the use of, and establish standards for, reusable carryout bags.

## **SEC. 9C-2. DEFINITIONS.**

In this chapter:

(1) **BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT** means any entity that provides carryout bags to its customers, including sole proprietorships, joint ventures, partnerships, corporations, or any other legal entity whether for profit or not-for-profit, and includes all employees of the entity and any independent contractors associated with the entity.

(2) **CARRYOUT BAG** means a bag provided by a business establishment to a customer[, typically] at the point of sale[;] for the purpose of transporting purchases.

(3) **DEPARTMENT** means the department designated by the city manager to enforce and administer this chapter.

(4) **DIRECTOR** means the director of the department designated by the city manager to enforce and administer this chapter and includes representatives, agents, or department employees designated by the director.

(5) **REUSABLE CARRYOUT BAG** means a carryout bag that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse and meets the requirements of Section 9C-5 of this chapter.

(6) SINGLE-USE CARRYOUT BAG means a carryout bag that is not a reusable carryout bag.

**SEC. 9C-3. SINGLE-USE CARRYOUT BAGS.**

(a) No person may provide single-use carryout bags at any city facility, city-sponsored special event as defined in Section 42A-2 of this code, or any event held on city property.

(b) A [~~Except as provided in Section 9C 4 of this chapter, a~~] business establishment may not provide single-use carryout bags to its customers or to any person.

(c) [~~A single use carryout bag permitted under Section 9C 4 of this chapter must have a thickness of at least 0.70 mil and be printed with the name of the business establishment and the thickness of the bag in mil.~~]

~~(d)~~ This section does not apply to the following:

(1) Laundry, dry cleaning, or garment bags; biodegradable door-hanger bags; biodegradable newspaper bags; or packages of multiple bags intended for the disposal of garbage, pet waste, or yard waste.

(2) [~~Recyclable~~] P[p]aper bags [~~provided by pharmacists or veterinarians to contain prescription drugs or other medical necessities~~].

(3) [~~Recyclable paper bags used by restaurants to take away prepared food.~~]

~~(4)~~ Single-use plastic bags used by restaurants to take away prepared food only where necessary to prevent moisture damage, such as for soups, sauces, salads with dressing, and liquids.

~~(4[5])~~ Bags used by a consumer inside a business establishment to:

(A) contain bulk items, such as produce, nuts, grains, candy, or small hardware items;

(B) contain or wrap meat, fish, or frozen foods whether or not pre-packaged;

(C) contain or wrap flowers, potted plants, or other items to prevent moisture damage to other purchases; or

(D) contain unwrapped prepared foods or bakery goods.

~~(5[6])~~ Bags used by a non-profit corporation or other charity to distribute food, grocery products, clothing, or other household items to clients.

**SEC. 9C-4.                    RESERVED [~~REGISTRATION; ENVIRONMENTAL FEE~~].**

~~[(a)    Registration.~~

~~(1)    A business establishment may provide single use carryout bags to its customers if it registers with the department and charges a fee in accordance with this section.~~

~~(2)    A business establishment wishing to provide single use carryout bags to its customers shall annually register with the department on a form provided by the director.~~

~~(3)    A separate registration is required for each location where the business establishment wishes to provide single use carryout bags to its customers.~~

~~(4)    There is no fee for registration.~~

~~(b)    Environmental fee.~~

~~(1)    If single use carryout bags are provided to a customer, a business establishment shall charge the customer an environmental fee of \$0.05 per bag.~~

~~(2)    The customer shall pay the environmental fee required by this section at the time of purchase.~~

~~(3)    A business establishment shall list the environmental fee as a separate item on the customer's transaction receipt detailing the number of single use carryout bags provided to the customer and the total charge for the environmental fee.~~

~~(4)    A business establishment shall not rebate or reimburse any portion of the environmental fee to a customer.~~

~~(5)    Except as provided in Paragraph (6), a business establishment shall remit the environmental fees collected to the city on a quarterly basis with fees due to the city by the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the month following each calendar quarter, or the next business day if the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the following month falls on a weekend or holiday.~~

~~(6)    A business establishment may retain 10 percent of the environmental fee to offset the costs of collecting the fee and complying with this section.~~

~~(7)    Environmental fees collected under this section may only be used for the following purposes:~~

~~(A)    paying for the costs of the registration program;~~

- ~~(B) the purchase and distribution of reusable carryout bags;~~
- ~~(C) public education on reducing the use of single-use carryout bags;~~
- ~~(D) environmental clean-up programs.~~

or

~~(e) Recordkeeping.~~

~~(1) A business establishment shall keep detailed records of:~~

- ~~(A) the number of single-use carryout bags supplied to customers; and~~
- ~~(B) the amount of environmental fees collected from customers.~~

~~(2) A business establishment shall keep separate records for each location registered under this section.~~

~~(3) A business establishment shall maintain the records required under this subsection onsite at each registered location for at least the prior year.~~

~~(4) A business establishment shall make the records required under this subsection available for inspection by the director or a peace officer at reasonable times upon request for purposes of administering this chapter.]~~

**SEC. 9C-5. REUSABLE CARRYOUT BAG STANDARDS.**

(a) A business establishment may provide or sell reusable carryout bags to its customers or to any person. A person, subject to authorization by the city, may provide or sell reusable carryout bags at any city facility, city-sponsored special event as defined in Section 42A-2 of this code, or any event held on city property.

(b) A reusable carryout bag must display [~~in a highly visible manner~~] on the bag's exterior, the name of the bag's manufacturer [~~business establishment~~] and [~~language describing~~] the thickness of the bag in mil [~~bag's ability to be reused or recycled~~].

(c) A reusable carryout bag must have a handle[~~, except that a handle is not required for a reusable carryout bag constructed out of recyclable paper with a height of less than 14 inches and a width of less than eight inches~~].

(d) A reusable carryout bag must be constructed out of:

(1) cloth, other washable fabric, or other durable materials whether woven or non-woven; or

(2) recyclable plastic, with a minimum thickness of 4.0 mil[; or

(3) recyclable paper that contains a minimum of 40 percent recycled content].

~~[(e) A reusable carryout bag must meet the minimum reuse testing standard of 100 reuses carrying 16 pounds.~~

~~(f) A reusable carryout bag made out of paper must have the percentage of recycled content of the bag printed on it.~~

~~(g) Alternative reusable bags.~~

~~(1) The director may approve an alternative bag to the reusable carryout bag if the director finds that:~~

~~(A) the proposed alternative bag provides reusability and durability that is equivalent to or better than the required bag[; and~~

~~(B) the manufacturer or distributor of the proposed alternative bag has independent documentation that shows that the bag is capable of 100 reuses carrying 16 pounds.~~

~~(2) A request for approval of an alternative bag must be submitted on a form provided by the director.~~

~~(3) The applicant has the burden of proof to establish the necessary facts to warrant favorable action by the director. The director shall evaluate all applications on a case-by-case basis.~~

~~(4) The director shall render a decision on an application filed in accordance with this subsection no later than 60 days after the request is submitted. If the director fails to render a decision within 60 days, the application shall be deemed denied. The director shall prepare written findings to support the grant or denial of a request filed in accordance with this subsection.~~

~~(5) If the director denies an application for an alternative bag, the decision is final unless the applicant files an appeal with the permit license and appeals board in accordance with Section 2-96 of this code.]~~

## **SEC. 9C-6. RESERVED [SIGNAGE AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS].**

~~[(a) Except as provided in this section, a business establishment shall display signage in accordance with this section.~~

~~(b) A business enterprise is not required to display signage if the only single use carryout bags it provides to customers fall under the exemption of Section 9C 3(d) of this chapter.~~

~~(c) Required signs must be displayed in both English and Spanish.~~

~~(d) The specific wording of a required sign may be chosen by the business establishment as long as the sign states all of the following:~~

~~(1) If the business establishment is not registered in accordance with Section 9C 4 of this chapter, that the business establishment does not offer single use carryout bags.~~

~~(2) If the business establishment is registered in accordance with Section 9C 4 of this chapter, that single use carryout bags are only provided to a customer who pays a per bag or per transaction fee, as applicable.~~

~~(3) The options available for carrying items purchased from the business establishment.~~

~~(4) The environmental benefits of reducing, reusing, and recycling.~~

~~(e) A sign must be posted no farther than six feet from each point of sale.~~

~~(d) A business establishment that owns, leases, or controls its customer parking areas shall post and maintain in each customer parking area exterior signs with the following requirements:~~

~~(1) The signs must include wording that encourages customers to bring their own reusable carryout bags.~~

~~(2) The signs must be at least 11 inches by 17 inches in area and readable by walking customers.~~

~~(3) The signs must be posted so that they are visible to customers with a minimum of one sign for every 50 required parking spaces. Except as provided in this subsection, the signs must be distributed in a roughly even manner throughout the parking lot.~~

~~(4) If a business establishment has fewer than 50 required parking spaces, in lieu of posting signs in the parking area, it must post one sign at the exterior of each customer entrance, visible to customers entering the business establishment.~~

~~(5) The signs must be made of rigid, weather resistant metal.~~

~~(e) The city does not provide the signs required by this section. It is the responsibility of the business establishment to produce, erect, and maintain the signs.~~

~~(f) A sign required by this section may only be removed by the owner of the business establishment or the property owner.]~~

**SEC. 9C-7. VIOLATIONS; PENALTY.**

(a) A person who violates any provision of this chapter, or fails to perform an act required by this chapter, commits an offense. A person commits a separate offense each day or part of a day during which the violation is committed, continued, or permitted.

(b) An offense under this chapter is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.”

SECTION 2. That a person violating a provision of this ordinance, upon conviction, is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

SECTION 3. That Chapter 9C of the Dallas City Code shall remain in full force and effect, save and except as amended by this ordinance.

SECTION 4. That the terms and provisions of this ordinance are severable and are governed by Section 1-4 of Chapter 1 of the Dallas City Code, as amended.

SECTION 5. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately from and after its passage and publication in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the City of Dallas, and it is accordingly so ordained.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

WARREN M.S. ERNST, City Attorney

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Assistant City Attorney

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