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**CITY COUNCIL BANS SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS IN ASBURY PARK STARTING JANUARY 1, 2020**  
**Ban Will Help Eliminate Litter and Keep Plastic Bags from Ending Up in Lakes and Ocean**

*10/7/19, Asbury Park, NJ* – To help eliminate litter and keep them from ending up in our lakes, oceans and sewer system, City Council has voted to ban single-use plastic bags. Asbury Park’s Single-Use Plastic Bag Ban begins January 1, 2020.

Once the ban is in effect, single-use plastic bags cannot be provided by retailers or food establishments at customer check-out. Instead, businesses may provide single-use paper bags or reusable bags at a minimum fee of \$0.10 to the customer (maximum \$0.25 on paper, no maximum on reusable bags), or customers may bring their own reusable bag. Exceptions include supermarket bags without handles for produce and meat to prevent cross-contamination; prescription drug bags; hardware store bags for screws and bolts; laundry and dry-cleaning bags; and newspaper delivery bags.

“We continue to create policies and regulations that promote environmental stewardship and hope this small change in Asbury Park will create a big impact for future generations,” said Mayor John Moor, “Other municipalities who have passed plastic bag bans have seen a dramatic increase in reusable bag use and a decrease in plastic bags found in storm drains and clogging up recycling operations. We look forward to seeing those same results in Asbury Park.”

“Our ultimate goal is to keep Asbury Park’s beaches, ocean and lakes free of pollution,” said Deputy Mayor Amy Quinn, “Plastic is the most common type of marine litter worldwide and it doesn’t biodegrade. Instead, it ends up breaking up into small particles that stay in the water and enter our food chain. As a beachside community, it’s our responsibility to protect our environment and create a sustainable future for Asbury Park.”

For details, see the Single-Use Plastic Ban Ordinance (No. 2019-23) in the City Code section of [www.cityofasburypark.com](http://www.cityofasburypark.com).

For questions on the upcoming Plastic Bag ban, contact City Manager Michael Capabianco at 732-502-5755 or [michael.capabianco@cityofasburypark.com](mailto:michael.capabianco@cityofasburypark.com).