

## Why a Plastic Bag Fee Makes Sense for Virginia Beach

The 5-cent bag fee only applies when shoppers choose to use plastic bags at grocery, convenience, and drug stores.



\*Legislation stipulates all city revenue must be used for specific environmental efforts

The average American uses more than 300 plastic bags every year.



Plastic bags end up in landfills, farm fields, and waterways. Instead of decomposing, they break down into microplastics that contaminate our air, food, and wildlife.

Policies that ban or impose fees on plastic bags are associated with a 25% to 47% decrease in plastic bag litter in shoreline cleanups.





Cities are using the revenue from the Plastic Bag Fee to invest in low-income communities that are more affected by litter and pollution.

11 municipalities or counties in Virginia have already implemented the 5-cent fee.



Will you help Virginia Beach be the 12<sup>th</sup>?





Help reduce pollution in Virginia Beach by contacting your council member in support of the 5-cent Plastic Bag Fee.

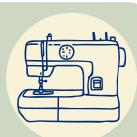
Talk to friends and neighbors about the Plastic Bag Fee and why reusable bags matter.





Limit your use of plastic bags by keeping reusable bags in your car for shopping trips.

Sew reusable bags for your own use or to donate to LRNow's reusable bag program.





Reach out to LRNow to request a bin for your event or community organization to collect reusable bags for donation to local food pantries.





