

San Francisco Department of the Environment Regulation #SFE-10-01-PBRO

Regulations Implementing Plastic Bag Reduction Ordinance
(Ordinance No. 81-07)

Regulation Effective Date: September 15, 2010

A. Authorization

The Plastic Bag Reduction Ordinance (Ordinance) was signed by Mayor Newsom on April 20, 2007 and became operative on November 20, 2007. The Ordinance requires supermarkets and retail pharmacies as defined in the Ordinance to provide only the following as checkout bags to customers: approved recyclable bags, and/or certified compostable bags; and/or reusable bags as codified in the Municipal Code: Environment Code Chapter 17.

The Director of Department of the Environment (SFE) promulgates these regulations pursuant to his authority to adopt forms, regulations and guidelines under Section 1704 of the Environment Code to implement that Chapter. Any section numbers in these regulations refer to Environment Code Chapter 17.

B. Scope

The purpose of these regulations is to clarify the meaning of durable plastic bag under the definition of reusable bag (Section 1702(k)(2)) in the Ordinance. These regulations do not duplicate the Ordinance and must be read together with the Ordinance.

C. Process

The Director held a public meeting to discuss these regulations on June 15, 2010.

D. Requirements

See Attached.

The Director of SFE hereby adopts these regulations as of the date specified below.

David Assmann
Acting Director

Approved:



Date:

6/15/10

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(Ord. No. 81-07); Environment Code Chapter 17**

A. Definitions

The terms used in these Regulations have the same meanings as in the Ordinance. The definitions are in Section 1702.

B. Forms, Regulations and Guidelines

As provided by Section 1704 (a), the Director may adopt necessary forms, regulations and guidelines to implement this Chapter.

C. Clarification of the meaning of durable plastic in the definition of reusable bag

A “reusable bag” as defined in the Ordinance under Section 1702 (k) means “a bag with handles that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse and is either (1) made of cloth or other machine washable fabric, and/or (2) made of durable plastic that is at least 2.25 mils thick”. This regulation clarifies the meaning of durable plastic as used above in Section 1702 (k)(2).

A durable plastic means: that it is made of machine hot water washable material specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse, meaning 100 or more uses carrying 20 or more pounds.

D. Forms

There are no forms associated with this regulation.