

Truckee contemplating plastic bag ban

Truckee is considering an ordinance that would ban all plastic checkout bags and require businesses to impose a fee on recyclable paper checkout bags.

The ordinance's main intention is to stimulate reusable bag use, and in effect, reduce Truckee's waste through a dramatic decrease in the consumption of single-use checkout bags. All money collected by a business under this ordinance would be retained by the business and used to cover its implementation costs.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, less than 5 percent of single-use plastic bags are recycled.

Truckee officials say the ordinance has the potential to eliminate the waste generated by plastic bags, while also having a 50-80 percent reduction in the amount of single-use paper shopping bags that are used and thrown away.

Staff is soliciting feedback from the community via this online survey, and from businesses via this survey link.

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