

HB21-1162 Plastic Pollution Reduction Act

Policy Overview

- Remove pre-emption and allow local communities to have control on plastic pollution
- Ban plastic bags statewide and charge a fee on paper bags
- Ban polystyrene food containers statewide

How does Boulder, Fort Collins, and Telluride Compare to the State’s New Law?

State	Boulder	Fort Collins	Telluride
Impacts All Retailers (that do not meet the “small store” exemption)	Impacts All Food Stores, Regardless of Size *Will be transitioning to all retailers citywide in 2023	Impacts Large Grocers	Impacts All Retailers
Staggered implementation - 2023 & 2024	Fee Implemented July 1, 2013	Ban Implemented May 1, 2022	Ban Implemented in 2010, First Town In CO
10-cents per paper bag	10-Cents Per Plastic & Paper Bag *Will likely be increasing in 2023	10-Cents Per Paper Pag	10-Cents Per Paper Pag (only for grocers)
60-40 split (City-Grocer)	60-40 Split (City-Grocer)	60-40 Split (City-Grocer)	50-50 Split (City-Grocer)
Bans plastic bags & Styrofoam (phased)	Fee on Plastic & Paper Bags	Bans Plastic Bags with a fee on paper bags	Bans Plastic Bags
Exempts Federal and State food assistance programs	Exempts anyone on state and/or federal food assistance programs	Exempts all income-qualified program participants	N/A - Only exemptions for industry specific uses (i.e produce bag, pharmacies)
LOCAL BARRIERS	Fee use is narrowly limited to impacts of disposable bags	Supply Chain Issues with Reusable Bags, finding the correct contact for grocery stores	Opposition from grocers initially, enforcement issues, supply chain issues with paper bags
LOCAL SUCCESSES	Large decrease in disposable bag use at applicable stores, community support	Stronger partnership with community, city, & grocers through education and outreach	Support from community A film was made which brought attention to the issues and effort.

Have questions on Plastic Bans? Feel free to contact our speakers.

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