



Coffee with Council Talks Giving Plastic the Sack

Casual, Open Format Allows Discussion of Primary Topic or Any Area of Interest

STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO-September 9, 2019-Bring your reusable coffee cups and fill up on just made java while you discuss the upcoming plastic bag ban going into effect in less than a month during the September edition of Coffee with Council featuring Councilman Ford and other available councilors this Friday, September 13 from 7:30am to 9am.

Winnie DelliQuardri, Assistant to the City Manager, and Sarah Jones, Yampa Valley Sustainability Council, will be on hand to discuss how the funds generated from the purchased of paper bags will be utilized and the roll out of the upcoming plastic bag ban and paper bag fee being implemented on October 1st.

In an effort to spur change to be more environmentally sustainable, the Teen Council came before the Steamboat Springs City Council with a proposal to do something about plastic bag waste in our community. In response, council passed an ordinance banning carryout, disposable plastic shopping bags and imposing a 20-cent fee on paper bags at large markets in the city.

The program looks to prevent more than 3.8 million single-use plastic bags being used each year by shoppers at City Market, Walmart, Safeway, Walgreens and Natural Grocers. Smaller retailers are not included in the ordinance but may choose to opt-in to the program.

These efforts are designed to reduce waste and prevent litter--on roads, in rivers and on our landscape. Funding from the paper bag fee will be used to further reduce waste by providing residents and visitors with reusable shopping bags; educating about the impact of trash; and funding programs and infrastructure that will reduce waste and increase recycling across the city.

No RSVP is necessary, community members are welcome to drop by to discuss any issues of interest to them. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

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