

EACP Committee

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Testimony relating to EACP-2

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Happy Aloha November Alice and staff,

I visited ORD-3587 to see if I could understand the Plastic Bag Reduction Ordinance better, as I still see our grocery stores providing clear plastic bags in the produce section.

The ordinance states in the following section "20.18.040 Plastic bag restrictions. A. Businesses are prohibited from providing plastic bags to their customers at the point of sale for the purpose of transporting groceries or other goods...."

Dose this mean that clear plastic bags in the produce section are included in the restriction? As these particular bags are not designed for "multiple reuse".

I read in the "Frequently asked questions"

"Q5. What types of plastic bags are permissible that are not used for the purposes of transporting groceries or other goods? A. Under Section 17-105-5 Permissible bags. The following types of plastic bags, provided other than at the point of sale and not for the purpose of transporting groceries or other goods, shall not be subject to the prohibition set forth in 17-105-4: 1) Bags without handles, designed and used solely for protection of food products, protection of property, or for preventing contamination, including but not limited to, bags for: raw meat, poultry, seafood, and unpackaged bakery items 2) Bags without handles designed and used solely for self-service packing and non-packaged food items sold in bulk, including but not limited to, bags for fruits, vegetables, nuts, grains, cereal, flour, rice and candy. 3) Bags designed and used solely for protecting garments, when provided by a garment cleaning business. 4) Bags used for dispensing prescription drugs that are not provided in any other container or receptacle."

Are these plastic bags allowed for health/sanitary reasons. I can understand the use of these bags for raw meats.....but seeing as how our island and world is being impacted by plastic.....are the other uses for these plastic bags necessary.

I committed to quitting single use plastic as well as decreasing my use of plastic. This has led me to not simply bring my BYOB for groceries but bring my reusable bags for produce as well.

I am proud of Maui County for implementing this ordinance back im 2011, ...but I am currently confused on the continued provision/use of these plastic bags in the produce section of the grocery stores.

As a store owner I would think not providing these bags would save in the overhead costs of my business. Not providing these plastic bags would also make positive improvements toward the environment.

I appreciate your time & energy in providing feedback to my questions.

Much Aloha, Lindsey Rex

