

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS  
AMENDING CHAPTER 6.40 OF TITLE 6 HEALTH AND SAFETY OF THE LOS  
ALTOS MUNICIPAL CODE FOR REUSABLE BAGS**

**WHEREAS**, the use of carryout bags by consumers at retail establishments and food facilities is detrimental to the environment, public health and welfare.

**WHEREAS**, the manufacture and distribution of single-use carryout bags requires utilization of natural resources and results in the generation of greenhouse gas emissions.

**WHEREAS**, carryout bags contribute to environmental problems, including litter in stormdrains, creeks, the bay and the ocean.

**WHEREAS**, carryout bags provided by retail establishments and food facilities impose unseen costs on consumers, local governments, the state and taxpayers and constitute a public nuisance.

**WHEREAS**, the amendments was processed in accordance with the applicable provisions of the California Government Code and the Los Altos Municipal Code; and

**WHEREAS**, this Ordinance is exempt from environmental review pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the State Guidelines implementing the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Los Altos does hereby ordain as follows:

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT OF TITLE 3 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE.** Chapter 3.49 is hereby amended of the Los Altos Municipal Code as set forth in Appendix A to this Ordinance.

**SECTION 2. CONSTITUTIONALITY; AMBIGUITIES.** If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof. Any ambiguities in the Los Altos Municipal Code created by this Ordinance shall be resolved by the Development Services Director, in their reasonable discretion, after consulting the City Attorney.

**SECTION 3. PUBLICATION.** This Ordinance shall be published as provided in Government Code Section 36933.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall be effective upon the commencement of the thirty-first day following the adoption hereof. The foregoing Ordinance was duly and properly introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Los Altos held on October 22, 2024, and was thereafter, at a regular meeting held on November 12, 2024, passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSENT:  
ABSTAIN:

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Jonathan D. Weinberg, MAYOR

Attest:

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Melissa Thurman MMC, City Clerk

**APPENDIX A**  
**AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 6.40**