



City of Santa Barbara California

NOTICE OF PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING AND NOTICE OF DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

PROPOSED SINGLE-USE CARRYOUT BAG ORDINANCE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT CERTIFICATION

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2013, 1:00 P.M.
CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS (2ND FLOOR)
735 ANACAPA STREET, SANTA BARBARA.**

Planning Commission Public Hearing: The Planning Commission will receive a staff presentation and conduct a public hearing at the August 8, 2013 hearing on the Final Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinance. The recommended Planning Commission action is to certify the Final Environmental Impact Report for the City of Santa Barbara Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinance.

Available Documents: The proposed Final Environmental Impact Report is available in the following ways: City web site www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/EIR, or at the Planning Division at 630 Garden Street from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and alternate Fridays. The document is also available for review at the Main Library at 40 E. Anapamu Street.

Project and Environmental Analysis: The proposed ordinance would prohibit stores selling food and pharmacies from providing plastic carryout bags, and would assess a 10-cent charge on recyclable paper bags provided by the stores at the point of sale, with the intent of reducing existing environmental impacts from plastic bag use. The Environmental Impact Report analyzed effects associated with air quality, biological resources, greenhouse gas emissions, hydrology and water quality, water, wastewater, solid waste, and storm water systems, and concluded that no significant environmental effects would result, and no measures to reduce impacts are required.

Public Involvement: The Draft Environmental Impact Report underwent a prior public review and comment process within the larger Santa Barbara and Ventura County area. Public attendance at the Planning Commission public hearing is encouraged. Written comments are welcome and should be submitted prior to the meeting at the Planning Division Office, 630 Garden St; by mail attention to Planning Commission Secretary, P.O. Box 1990, Santa Barbara, CA 93102-1990; or by email at PCSecretary@SantaBarbaraCA.gov.

Subsequent Ordinance Consideration: The City Council would schedule a subsequent public meeting to consider adoption of the proposed City of Santa Barbara Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinance.

Americans with Disabilities Act: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to gain access to, comment at, or participate in these public hearings, please contact the Planning Division office at (805) 564-5470, ext. 4535. If possible, notification to the Planning Division at least 48 hours prior to the hearing will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements in most cases.

Appeals: If you disagree with the decision of the Planning Commission on certification of the Final EIR, you may appeal the decision to the City Council. The appeal, accompanied by the appropriate filing fee, must be filed in the City Clerk's Office within ten calendar days after the Planning Commission decision. If you challenge the City of Santa Barbara Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinance approval or environmental document in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearings described in this notice, or in hearing comments or written correspondence submitted during the prior public review period.

Staff Contact: If you have questions please contact Daniel Gullett, Associate Planner at (805) 564-5470 ext. 4550 or DGullett@SantaBarbaraCA.gov.

* **Public Hearing Notes:** On August 1, 2013, the Planning Commission Hearing Agenda and Staff Report will be available at 630 Garden Street or online at the main City web site at www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/PC. Hearings can be viewed live on City TV Channel 18, or on your computer via www.SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Government/Video. Hearing rebroadcast schedules can be found at citytv18.com/schedule.htm.