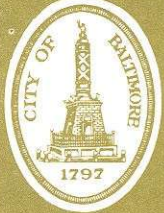


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	AGENCY NAME & ADDRESS	DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING 417 EAST FAYETTE STREET, 8 th Floor		
	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 13-0241 Plastic- and Paper-Bag Surcharge		

DATE:

TO

June 26, 2013

The Honorable President and Members of City Council
 City Hall 4th floor
 100 N. Holliday Street

Please be advised of the following comments offered on behalf of the Baltimore Commission on Sustainability (CoS). The CoS has reviewed the **City Council Bill # 13- 0241** Plastic- and Paper-Bag Surcharge and is offering the following comments.

The purpose of this bill is to impose a surcharge on certain bags provided by dealer to customers, and to provide for the collection and remittance of the surcharge, requiring certain reports, and imposing penalties.

The intent of this bill addresses the following goals of the Baltimore Sustainability Plan as approved by City Council on March 2, 2009:

- Cleanliness Goal #1: Eliminate litter throughout the City of Baltimore;
- Pollution Prevention Goal #3: Ensure that Baltimore water bodies are fishable and swimmable;
- Resource Conservation Goal #3: Minimize the production of waste; and
- Resource Conservation Goal #4: Maximize reuse and recycling of materials.
- Green Economy Goal 4: Raise Baltimore's profile as a forward thinking green city

The Commission on Sustainability recommends the approval of City Council Bill # 13-0241 with the following amendments:

- 1) Page 2, Insert after line 3:

EACH DEALER MAY RETAIN 2 CENTS FROM EACH 25 CENT SURCHARGE THAT THE DEALER COLLECTS TO COVER THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSE OF COLLECTING AND REMITTING THE SURCHARGE TO THE DIRECTOR

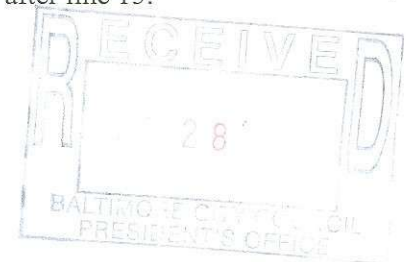
- 2) Page 3, Lines 1 & 2, Amount of Surcharge – amend Line 2 to read:
 THE AMOUNT OF THE SURCHARGE SHALL NOT EXCEED 10¢ FOR EACH BAG

- 3) Page 3, § 29-5. EXEMPTIONS - Add additional exemptions, Insert after line 15:

(IX) DRUGS IN PHARMACY BAG

(X) FOOD AND GOODS AT FARMERS MARKETS

F/A



(XI) NEWSPAPERs, DRY CLEANING, GARBAGE

- 4) Page 3, Lines 21-26, "(B) WIC, FSP, AND SNAP PARTICIPANTS." – Remove lines 21-26, delete this section
- 5) Page 4, Line 25-30 and Page 4 Lines 1-15 - § 29-8. RECORDS; PERIODIC REPORTS – Change this section to read:

§ 29-8. RECORDS; AUDITING

(B) RECORDS REQUIRED.

EVERY DEALER MUST KEEP COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RECORDS FOR 3 YEARS OF ALL RECORDS NECESSARY TO DETERMINE AMOUNT OF SURCHARGE DUE:

(B) PERIODIC AUDITING

THE DEALER MAY BE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT THIS INFORMATION TO THE DIRECTOR IN THE FORM AND FOR THE THAT THE DIRECTOR REQUIRES AT THE REQUEST OF THE DIRECTOR.

On June 25, 2013, the Commission on Sustainability called a vote regarding this legislation.
Support In-Favor: 12 Opposed: 1 Abstain: 1

It was the consensus of the Commission on Sustainability to support City Council Bill # 13-0241 with the proposed amendments.

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