



TOWN OF CORTE MADERA TOWN COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**Corte Madera Community Center
498 Tamalpais Drive
Corte Madera, CA 94925**

TOWN AGENCY: CORTE MADERA TOWN COUNCIL
HEARING DATE: TUESDAY, JUNE 2, 2015
TIME AND PLACE: 7:30 P.M., CORTE MADERA COMMUNITY CENTER, 498 TAMALPAIS DRIVE
SUBJECT: TO CONSIDER INTRODUCTION OF AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 6 "HEALTH AND SANITATION" OF THE CORTE MADERA MUNICIPAL CODE BY ADDING A SECTION ENTITLED "SINGLE-USE DISPOSABLE BAG PROHIBITIONS AND REGULATIONS." THIS ORDINANCE WOULD LIMIT THE PROVISION OF SINGLE-USE CARRYOUT BAGS AT THE POINT OF SALE AT RETAIL "STORES" (AS DEFINED IN THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE) AND ESTABLISH A PER BAG FEE FOR SINGLE-USE PAPER BAGS.
LOCATION: TOWN WIDE

The purpose of the ordinance is to eliminate plastic carry out disposable bags and reduce the use of paper carry out disposable bags. Stores subject to the ordinance would not be able to provide plastic bags at the point of sale. Instead, customers may bring their own reusable bags, purchase paper bags at a cost of \$.10 each, or purchase reusable bags at the point of sale.

Customers will not be charged for paper bags provided by a pharmacy for packaging prescriptions or those paper or plastic bags that serve as "product" bags used exclusively to carry produce, meats or other food items such as bulk foods to the point of sale inside a store or to prevent such food from coming into direct contact with other purchased items. Paper bags that are utilized to protect a product at the point of sale, such as wine or produce, would also fall under the intent of the "product bag" provision and the customer would not be charged a bag fee. Currently this ordinance would apply to two grocery stores, one pharmacy and four convenience stores.

Staff recommends that the proposed ordinance amending the Corte Madera Municipal Code is within the scope of the Environmental Impact Report that was prepared by the Marin County Hazardous and Solid Waste Management Joint Powers Authority, of which Corte Madera is a member, for a model single use carryout bag ordinance. No further environmental review is required pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines sections 15162 and 15168.

All persons interested in the foregoing are invited to appear before the Corte Madera Town Council at the time, day and place mentioned above. If you challenge this project in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this NOTICE, or in written correspondence delivered to the Town of Corte Madera at, or prior to, the public hearing. All written responses will become part of the public record.

If you are interested in more information about this application, please contact Phil Boyle, Senior Planner, at the Corte Madera Planning Department at 927-5064. Staff reports are usually available by 4:30 p.m. on the Friday before the meeting and may be obtained from the Planning Department, Corte Madera Town Hall, 300 Tamalpais Drive. I do hereby certify that the foregoing Notice of Public Hearing was duly processed according to the California Government Code and the Corte Madera Municipal Code.

/s/ Phil Boyle, Senior Planner

Post on or before May 22, 2015

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Planning Division at 415-927-5064. Notification two business days (the Friday before the meeting) prior to the meeting will enable the Town to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.