

THE CITY OF SUMMIT

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Exemptions to Proposed Ordinance Restricting Single-Use Plastics

The proposed ordinance limiting use of **plastic bags** allows exemptions for certain purposes including:

- A. Produce or product bags, whether plastic or not, in which loose or bulk items, such as fruit, vegetables, nuts, grains, candies, or small hardware items, are placed by a consumer to deliver such items to the point of sale or check out area of a retail establishment;
- B. Laundry or dry cleaning bags;
- C. Newspaper bags;
- D. Bags used to contain or wrap frozen foods, meat, or fish, whether packaged or not;
- E. Bags used to contain or wrap flowers, potted plants, or other items where dampness may be an issue;
- F. Bags used to contain unwrapped prepared foods or bakery goods; or
- G. Bags sold in packages containing multiple bags intended for use as food storage bags, garbage bags, yard waste bags, or pet waste bags.

Exemptions for the proposed ordinance limiting the distribution of **plastic straws** are as follows:

- A. Pre-packaged drinks sold or distributed by a Food Provider.
- B. Use by individuals with a disability or other impairment requiring use of plastic straw.
- C. Non-plastic alternatives to plastic beverage straws.

For the proposed ordinance restricting use of **polystyrene** (commonly known as Styrofoam):

- A. Raw or Prepared Foods prepared or packaged outside the City of Summit are exempt from provisions of the ordinance. However, vendors of food prepared or packaged outside of the City of Summit are encouraged to comply with the provisions of the ordinance.