

Single Use Bag Fee Program

City of Batavia

May 17, 2023



Batavia Bag Fee Background

- The Batavia City Council voted in November 2022 to implement a 10 cent fee on non-reusable bags. The fee takes effect July 1, 2023.
- The Batavia City Council implemented this fee to discourage and decrease the use of disposable shopping bags within the City.
- The City Council espouses environmental conservation and preservation as one of Batavia's core values.
- This bag fee came to be after working with the Batavia Environmental Commission, the Chamber of Commerce, and with feedback from local businesses.



Definitions

Ordinance 22-59 defines a retail establishment as:

“any business located within Batavia city limits with a gross floor area of 5,000 square feet or greater, engaged in the retail sale of goods, merchandise, perishable, or nonperishable goods, including, but not limited to, clothing, food and personal items, directly to customers. Retail establishment includes any supermarket, convenience store, shop, or service station. A retail establishment does not include restaurants, lunchrooms, cafes or other establishments located in a permanent building for the accommodation of the public, equipped with a kitchen containing facilities and utensils for preparing and serving meals to the public, and outfitted with a public dining area; seasonal events, such as a farmers’ markets, street fairs, or yard sales; or by an occasional or temporary retailer.”

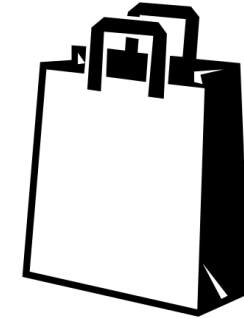


Which Stores Qualify as a Retail Establishment under Ordinance 22-59

- Ace Hardware, 1901 W. Wilson St.
- Advance Auto Parts, 861 N. Randall Rd.
- ALDI, 451 N. Randall Rd.
- Berkley Finer Foods, 28 S. Van Buren St.
- Dollar Tree, 1964 W. Fabyan Pkwy.
- Goodstop By Casey's, 2074 Main St.
- Goodwill, 450 N. Randall Rd.
- Hobby Lobby, 421 N. Randall Rd.
- Jewel-Osco, 119 S. Randall Rd.
- K Hollis Jewelers, 147 S. Randall Rd.
- Kohl's, 251 N. Randall Rd.
- Menards, 300 N. Randall Rd.
- Officemax, 321 N. Randall Rd.
- Pep Boys, 837 N. Randall Rd.
- Sierra, 1980 W. Fabyan Pkwy.
- Target, 115 N. Randall Rd.
- Trader Joe's, 1942 W. Fabyan Pkwy.
- Walgreens, 122 W. Wilson St.
- Walgreens, 1918 W. Fabyan Pkwy.
- Walmart Supercenter, 801 N. Randall Rd.



What is a single use bag?

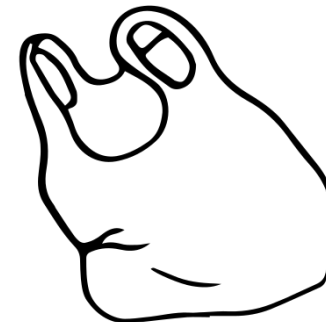


A single use bag is defined in ordinance 22-59 as:

“a bag that is not a reusable bag provided by a retail establishment to a customer at the point of sale, pickup, or delivery to carry purchased items. The term carryout single-use bag includes compostable and biodegradable bags (including paper).”

Reusable bag is defined as a:

“bag with handles that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple re-use and is made of cloth, fiber, or other machine washable fabric.”



What is NOT a single use bag?

Ordinance 22-59 states that a single use bag does not include:

- A bag provided by a pharmacist that contains a prescription drug;
- Any newspaper bags, door hanger bags, dry cleaning and garment bags, and bags sold in packages containing multiple bags for uses such as food storage, garbage, pet waste, or yard waste;
- A bag provided at the point of sale at a seasonal event, such as a farmers market, street fair, or yard sale, or by an occasional or temporary retailer;
- A paper or plastic bag that a restaurant gives a customer to take prepared or leftover food or drink from the restaurant; or
- Bags used by customers inside stores to:
 - Package bulk items, such as fruit, vegetables, nuts, grains, candy or small hardware items;
 - Contain or wrap frozen foods, meat, or fish;
 - Contain or wrap flowers, potted plants, or other items where dampness may be a problem;
 - Contain unwrapped prepared foods or bakery goods; or
 - A non-handled bag used to protect a purchased item from damaging or contaminating other purchased items when placed in a carryout single-use bag or reusable bag.



How to remit the fee to the City of Batavia

- Retailers are permitted to retain 4 cents of the 10 cent fee, remitting 6 cents per bag to the City of Batavia.
- The City asks that you use the City's Online Filing and Payment System to report the number of bags and to remit single use bag fees.
- The online Filing and Payment Service is through our partner, Xpress Bill Pay. The site is secure and will protect your information with the latest technology.
- A guide for first time users is available at <https://www.cityofbatavia.net/DocumentCenter/View/2061/Xpress-Bill-Payment-Instructions-to-File-Online-or-File-and-Pay-Online-PDF?bidId=>.
- If you wish to remit via paper, a form is available at <https://www.cityofbatavia.net/DocumentCenter/View/6495/Single-Bag-Use-Fee-Return-Form>.
- Regardless of the method, payments are due the 25th day of the month following collection.



Other Important Notes

- Ordinance 22-59 also states: Every retail establishment subject to the collection of the carryout single-use bag fee shall display a sign in a location outside or inside of the business, viewable by customers, alerting customers to the city's carryout single-use bag fee.
 - For the purposes of meeting this signage requirement, retailers may display the provided BYOB signage.

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Begins July 1.**

Single-use bags will cost 10 cents.

The fee is for any non-re-useable bag provided by a retail establishment in Batavia that is larger than 5,000 square feet.

Exclusions include:

- pharmacy bags for medications
- bulk item bags for items such as fruit, vegetables, nuts, grains
- bags used to wrap frozen foods, meat or fish
- bags used to contain or wrap flowers or plants
- bags used for unwrapped prepared foods or bakery goods

For a complete list visit cityofbatavia.net/byob



Shoppers are encouraged to bring re-useable bags to stores. Re-useable bags are specifically designed for multiple re-uses and made of machine-washable fabrics. Shoppers are also encouraged to re-use any paper or plastic bags they already have.

For more information, visit cityofbatavia.net/byob



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