

PLASTIC BAG ORDINANCE SURVEY - August 2012

	1. Does your Town have an approved plastic bag ordinance?	2. If not, was it considered but not implemented through legislation?	3. Are you currently discussing a disposable bag policy? If yes, please give details.
Aspen	Yes. Contact Joyce for a copy of the ordinance joyceb@coskitowns.com. If you have additional questions on the ordinance or the process they went through contact Ashley Cantrell at 970-429-1798 or ashley.cantrell@ci.aspen.co.us.		
Basalt	No	We drafted an ordinance but a citizen put it on the ballot and it lost. There was no campaign in favor or I believe it would have won.	No
Breckenridge	No	Currently under discussion.	Yes. We have formed a business group task force that is currently considering a proposal for a disposable bag policy. The Town Council has indicated they would like to have a plan in place by the end of 2012. A number of options are being evaluated, including a ban on plastic bags and fees on plastic or paper bags. We are also considering a phased approach, where the new policy could affect larger grocers first, and then smaller retailers at a later date.
Crested Butte	No	No	No
Dillon	No	No	No
Estes Park	No	No	No
Fraser	No	It was discussed but most board members were against it because of governmental overreach.	No
Frisco	No	We have talked about it and have High Country Conservation Center involved with the issue.	No
Grand Lake	No	No	No
Jackson, WY	No	And ordinance was considered, however, the Council voted in favor of preparing a resolution discouraging plastic bag use rather than an ordinance regulating their usage.	The resolution is in the process of being written.
Mountain Village	No	We have adopted a resolution, instead of an ordinance. The majority of our government was uneasy about adopting an ordinance and the mayor felt it was governmental overreach. There is only one grocer in town, and the grocer was willing to implement the program, and charge a fee for bags, on a voluntary basis. Within a year we intend to bring the rest of the town merchants into the program. Contact Joyce for a copy of the resolution joyceb@coskitowns.com.	Council agreed to monitor progress of the voluntary measure and if does not work, then consider something with more teeth in the future. We are also monitoring the amount of bag reductions, which is something that has seemed to be lacking in other ordinances. The discussion of this resolution took about five public meetings to finalize after Telluride asked us to adopt something similar to theirs.
Mt. Crested Butte	No	No	No

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Park City, UT	No	Yes, City Council in Park City directed staff to research the possibility of a plastic bag ordinance. The research concluded that Park City was unable to levy a tax against plastic bags according to Utah's tax code. Staff recommended not moving forward with a plastic bag ban if a fee could not be levied against paper bags and other alternatives.	Not at this time.
Silverthorne	No	It was considered, not implemented.	No, Council doesn't want to regulate privated businesses.
Silverton	No, not even on the radar. The only reference to such a ban is when folks point over the hill to disparage Telluride's ordinance as an intrusive communist plot.	Never considered nor discussed at the Town Board level or otherwise.	No
Steamboat Springs	No	It was discussed but is currently on hold.	No
Telluride	Yes. Contact Joyce for a copy of the resolution joyceb@coskitowns.com.		
Vail	No	No	We do not have an ordinance and we have not yet considered such an ordinance although we will do so within the next 60 days.
Winter Park	No	No	No