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Lead/Responsible Agency: City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Decision Making Authority: City Council – Carmel-by-the-Sea
Project Title: Single-use Carryout Bag Ordinance
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THIS PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT ADVERSE IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT AS IT HAS BEEN FOUND THAT THE PROJECT:

1. Will not have the potential to significantly degrade the quality of the environment;
 2. Will have no significant negative impact on long term environmental goals;
 3. Will have no significant cumulative negative impact upon the environment; and
 4. Will not cause significant negative impacts upon human beings, either directly or indirectly.
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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Six months after adoption, the proposed ordinance would:

- Eliminate the use of Single-Use (primarily plastic) Carryout Bags by all retail establishments in the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea;
- Encourage the use of reusable bags; and
- Reduce the use of single-use recycled paper bags.

The ordinance would prohibit any retail establishment that sells perishable or nonperishable goods including, but not limited to, clothing, food, and personal items directly to the customer, from providing a single-use carryout bag to a customer at the check stand, cash register, point of sale or other point of departure for the purpose of transporting food or merchandise out of the establishment. The ordinance encourages the use of reusable bags and would allow recycled paper bags with a charge.

PROJECT LOCATION

City-wide, Carmel-by-the-Sea, Monterey County, California

REVIEW PERIOD

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the proposed project may submit written comments to the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea at the address listed above. The comment period runs from March 28, 2012 until 5:00 PM on April 17, 2012.

COPIES OF THE PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND INITIAL STUDY ARE AVAILABLE AT:

City of Carmel-by-the-Sea
Community Planning and Building Department
E/s Monte Verde between Ocean and Seventh Avenues
Carmel, CA 93921

<http://ci.carmel.ca.us/carmel/index.cfm/government/staff-departments/community-planning-and-building/projects/>.