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OFFICE OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

February 20, 2020

TO: Town of Franklin Businesses
FROM: Jamie Hellen, Town Administrator
RE: Plastic Checkout Bag Prohibition

Dear Franklin Business Owner:

This letter is being sent to inform you that on February 12, 2020, The Franklin Town Council adopted Bylaw Amendment 20-847, a new local bylaw prohibiting the use of plastic checkout bags. On July 1, 2020, the use of thin-film, single use, plastic bags at checkout by any retailer in the Town of Franklin will be prohibited. Additionally, a three month extension waiver will be available to businesses for economic hardship or other good cause.

Attached with this letter is the Plastic Checkout Bag Prohibition Bylaw approved by the Council. There is also an instructional guide on how to apply for a free Three (3) Month Compliance Extension Waiver for the Plastic Bag Prohibition on our online permitting site at <https://franklinma.viewpointcloud.com/>. Please see the attached guide to apply for a waiver.

As of February 2020, 138 Massachusetts cities and towns, representing over 58% of the state's population, have passed legislation to regulate single-use plastic shopping bags. The Town of Franklin is happy to join in on this effort. If you have any additional questions please contact the Town Administrator's Office at **508-520-4949** to talk to any member of our staff.