

ORDINANCE NO. _____

ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21, ARTICLE I, SECTION 28 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO BAN THE USE OF PLASTIC CARRIER BAGS DURING PARADES AND PUBLIC ASSEMBLIES

WHEREAS, the existing City Code of Ordinances, Chapter 21, Article I, Section 28 does not address the use of plastic carrier bags during parades and at public assemblies; and

WHEREAS, it is deemed appropriate and in the best interest of the citizens and the environment to amend said Chapter 21, Article I, Section 28 to ban the use of plastic carrier bags during parades and at public assemblies.

SECTION 1, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, that Chapter 21, Article I, Section 28, subsection (a) is hereby amended by adding the definition of “plastic carrier bag” as follows:

Plastic carrier bag. The term “plastic carrier bag” shall mean any plastic bag used to convey goods from a business establishment to a home.

SECTION 2, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED That Chapter 21, Article I, Section 28, subsection (g) is hereby amended to add the following language:

- m. The parade or public assembly chairman or other person heading such activity shall agree to not allow the distribution or sale of plastic carrier bags during the event.

SECTION 3. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby severable. If any of these sections, provisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or parts are held unconstitutional or void, the remainder of this Ordinance shall continue in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MEMPHIS, that this ordinance shall take effect from and after the date it shall have been passed by the Council, signed by the Chairman of the Council, certified and delivered to the Office of Mayor in writing by the comptroller and become effective as otherwise provided by law.

DEDRICK BRITTENUM, JR.
Council Member

TOM MARSHALL
Council Chairman

Attest:
Patrice Thomas, Comptroller