



# TOWN OF LOS GATOS

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## Press Release

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### **THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS SINGLE-USE CARRY-OUT BAG ORDINANCE TAKES EFFECT ON FEBRUARY 3, 2014**

**Los Gatos, CA** – The Town of Los Gatos has joined many other cities in the region in adopting a Single-Use Carry-Out Bag ordinance to encourage the use of reusable bags for purchases at retail stores.

Beginning February 3, 2014, customers shopping in the Town will need to bring their own reusable bags or purchase a recycled paper bag or a reusable plastic bag for 10 cents per bag from retail stores in Los Gatos.

The intent of the ordinance is to prevent litter, protect wildlife, and reduce waste by encouraging the use of reusable bags instead of paper or plastic bags.

The ordinance applies to retail and grocery stores, except for restaurants, non-profit charitable thrift stores and food pantries. Customers may bring a reusable bag when shopping to avoid the bag charge. Stores will retain the 10 cent bag charge and can exempt customers paying with WIC, CalFresh, SNAP or other food stamp cards.

For more information about the ordinance, please visit [www.LosGatosCA.gov/ReusableBags](http://www.LosGatosCA.gov/ReusableBags).

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