

Submitted by: Chair of the Assembly at the
Request of the Mayor
Prepared by: Dept. of Law
For reading: _____

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
AO No. 2021-_____

1 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY EXTENDING**
2 **THE SUSPENSION OF ENFORCEMENT OF ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE**
3 **CHAPTER 15.95 TO ALLOW RETAIL SELLERS TO PROVIDE PLASTIC**
4 **SHOPPING BAGS DURING COVID-19.**
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7 **WHEREAS**, Anchorage Municipal Code Chapter 15.95, Plastic Shopping Bags,
8 requires sellers to not provide or distribute plastic shopping bags and to charge a
9 fee for alternative bags; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, in response to COVID-19 many businesses in Anchorage have
12 switched to curb-side pick-up or delivery, which may prevent individuals from using
13 their reusable bags; and

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15 **WHEREAS**, many businesses have chosen to limit interactions between employees
16 and customers by not permitting use of personal bags or containers in their
17 establishments; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, the Anchorage Assembly passed AO 2021-15 on February 23, 2021
20 suspending enforcement of Anchorage Municipal Code Chapter 15.95 until August
21 31, 2021;

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23 **WHEREAS**, an extension of the suspension would be beneficial to allow retailers to
24 continue to utilize their existing stock of plastic bags and to continue limiting contacts
25 between employees and customers; now, therefore,

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27 **THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY ORDAINS:**

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29 **Section 1.** Anchorage Municipal Code section 15.95.020 is hereby amended to
30 read as follows (*the remainder of the section is not affected and therefore not set*
31 *out*):

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33 **15.95.020 Prohibition on providing or distributing plastic shopping**
34 **bags; exceptions.**

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36 E. Suspension. Enforcement of this chapter is suspended
37 until May 1, 2022 [AUGUST 31, 2021].
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40 **Section 2.** This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon passage and
41 approval by the Assembly.
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PASSED AND APPROVED by the Anchorage Assembly this _____ day of _____, 2021.

Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk