

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA**  
**AO No. 2021-84**

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.

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Chair of the Assembly

ATTEST:

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Municipal Clerk