

Proposed Amendment to AO 2018-63(S) As Amended

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANCHORAGE ASSEMBLY AMENDING THE ANCHORAGE MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADD A NEW CHAPTER TO PROHIBIT CERTAIN RETAIL SELLERS FROM DISTRIBUTING DISPOSABLE PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS AND PROVIDING FOR CIVIL FINES.

Submitted by: Assembly Member Constant and Assembly Chair Dunbar

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Purpose/Summary of amendments: As written, the AO(S) doesn't allow SNAP (formerly known as food stamps), WIC participants, or any other state or federal supplemental nutrition assistance programs an exception to the proposed fee. This amendment will require retail sellers to waive the fee when food stamps or WIC vouchers are used in a transaction.

TEXT OF AMENDMENT

(adding new language, and [Deleting words proposed by the AO that are not in current code])

AO 2018-63(S) Section 1, Page 3, at line 44, adding a new numbered subparagraph to subsection 15.95.020B., as follows:

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5. The fees in this section shall be waived for any transaction in which purchases are made with state or federal supplemental nutrition assistance programs, commonly known as food stamps, food coupons or other type of allotment issued under 7 U.S.C. 2011-2036, or with food instruments, food vouchers, or other type of certificate issued under 42 U.S.C. 1786 (Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children), or other similar programs.

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Will there be any public or private economic effect to the proposed amendment?

YES NO (check one) If yes, please detail below.

Certain customers will be excused from paying the fee for those plastic bags.