

EAC Update on Township Bag Ordinance

February 12th 2024

An update to the Springfield Township Board of Commissioners on the EAC activities supporting the enactment of the ban on single use plastic bags. Since the passing of the ordinance the EAC has continued working through the [program guide](#) that was developed alongside the ordinance. This continues the education and activities that we had started prior to the passing of the ordinance.

We conducted a door to door visit of businesses in the township that would be impacted by the ordinance. For those visits, the EAC wrote and published a FAQ focused on businesses and their implementation of the ordinance. We included signage that they could post at their point of sale notifying customers. These materials were [published](#) on the township website alongside the program guide and other ordinance related materials and recordings created previously.

The reception across all of the businesses was positive. Most businesses were aware of the ordinance. Some larger retail establishments were already in the process of changing. The smaller, local retail establishments were appreciative of the materials provided during our door to door visits. We visited over 35 businesses in the township.

We've included an [article](#) about the ordinance for publication in the Township newsletter.

The EAC program guide was also to implement reusable bag collection and distribution points, along with a data capture component for residents who need single use reusable bags. The EAC has kept in touch with other townships who are ahead of Springfield Township in their implementation. Based on feedback from those municipalities we made some changes to our program implementation. We've also consulted our committee and also Commissioner Ratsavong prior to making these changes. At this point, over 25 municipalities in our region have adopted some version of a single use plastic bag ordinance.

The changes are that instead of physical collection and distribution points, we are publishing via township eblast, website and EAC Facebook page that anyone who needs or has reusable bags can contact the EAC and we will coordinate distribution or collection of reusable bags.

The other change was in the data collection portion of our [program guide](#). This has also been changed based on what we've seen from other township implementations. As part of equitable data collection, residents who are in need of single-use plastic bags can reach out to the EAC and we'll coordinate getting them bags and capturing that need as part of our commitment to being data driven in our activities.

Finally, in January we met with the Springfield Rotary at their meeting and provided them an update on the ordinance, our outreach and answered questions regarding the program, as well as updates in other townships.

The EAC will continue to educate the township on reducing single use plastics, and taking feedback from the community on the impact of the single use plastic bag ordinance.

Stores visited in the township

Business	Address	EAC member
Enza	Wyndmoor	Aaron Stemplewicz
7-Eleven	Wyndmoor	Aaron Stemplewicz
Terra Nova	Wyndmoor	Aaron Stemplewicz
Rita's	Wyndmoor	Aaron Stemplewicz
Tony's Pizza City	Wyndmoor	Aaron Stemplewicz
Locals	Wyndmoor	Aaron Stemplewicz
Froot	Wyndmoor	Aaron Stemplewicz
El Jefe	Wyndmoor	Aaron Stemplewicz
Conoco	Wyndmoor	Aaron Stemplewicz
Captain Andy's Market	Wyndmoor	Aaron Stemplewicz
Gigi's Corner	Oreland	Stephen Heverin
Oreland Hardware	Oreland	Stephen Heverin
Oreland Quickmart	Oreland	Stephen Heverin
Happy Garden	Oreland	Stephen Heverin
Cloud Chasers	Oreland	Stephen Heverin
Oreland Pizza	Oreland	Stephen Heverin
Barber King	Oreland	Stephen Heverin
Coupe flowers	Flourtown	Richard Metz, Peter Wilson
CVS	Flourtown	Richard Metz, Peter Wilson
Fine wine and spirit	Flourtown	Richard Metz, Peter Wilson
Walgreens	Flourtown	Richard Metz, Peter Wilson
Starbucks	Flourtown	Richard Metz, Peter Wilson
Little palm clothing store	Flourtown	Richard Metz, Peter Wilson

Acme markets	Flourtown	Richard Metz, Peter Wilson
Job tobacco smoke shop	Flourtown	Richard Metz, Peter Wilson
New south ocean chines and Japanese restaurant	Flourtown	Richard Metz, Peter Wilson
Wawa	Flourtown	Richard Metz, Peter Wilson
Halligan pub	Flourtown	Richard Metz, Peter Wilson
Flourtown farmers market	Flourtown	Richard Metz, Peter Wilson
Dunkin' Donuts	Flourtown	Richard Metz, Peter Wilson
Verizon cell phones	Flourtown	Richard Metz, Peter Wilson
Dollar tree	Flourtown	Richard Metz, Peter Wilson
Giant	Flourtown	Richard Metz, Peter Wilson
Hair cuttery	Flourtown	Richard Metz, Peter Wilson
An boutique store	Flourtown	Richard Metz, Peter Wilson