



**RESOLUTION AND DIRECTIVE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
OF THE TOWN OF DARIEN WITH RESPECT TO THE DARIEN ORDINANCE
PROHIBITING THE USE OF PLASTIC BAGS**

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of the State of Connecticut declared a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency for the State of Connecticut, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sections 19a-131 and 28-9, in response to the global pandemic of COVID-19 disease associated with a novel coronavirus that is currently affecting multiple countries and states; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared a national emergency to combat the coronavirus that is currently infecting the population of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the effects the transmission of COVID-19 has resulted in the spread of infections in Connecticut and throughout the country, as well as resulting in shortages of personal protective equipment and other supplies that could jeopardize public safety and civil preparedness; and

WHEREAS, in response to the issuance of declarations of a public health emergency and civil preparedness emergency by the Governor of this State, and a national emergency by the President of the United States, and the spread of COVID-19 to an unknown number of Connecticut residents as a result of the global pandemic, the Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Darien, its First Selectman, has declared that a local state of emergency now exists in the Town of Darien; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 28-8a(a), 28-1(8), and 28-22a, the Chief Executive Officer of the municipality may take such action as he/she deems necessary to mitigate the emergency; and

WHEREAS, the Darien Representative Town Meeting adopted a bag ordinance in June of 2019; and whereas, said ordinance prohibited business establishments from providing or selling plastic or paper checkout bags; and

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of the Chief Executive Officer of the Town by a series of business establishments that the reusable checkout bags present a concern to them and their employees as a source of bacteria and contamination; and

WHEREAS, the State of Connecticut by virtue of Public Act 19-117, provided a limitation on use of single use checkout bags;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes cited above and the declared state of emergency, the Chief Executive Officer orders a limitation and stay on the enforcement of Town ordinance regarding management of plastic and paper checkout bags. It is further proclaimed that the business establishments will be required to comply to Connecticut General Statutes regarding single use checkout bags.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED AND ORDERED, that this order shall take effect immediately and should remain in effect for the duration of the emergency unless earlier modified by the Chief Executive Officer.

Dated: 3/25/2020


Jayme J. Stevenson
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Chief Executive Officer

Attested: Caryn L. Diller
Caryn Diller
Town Clerk