



# PLASTIC BAG TAX

## Beginning January 1st, 2023

The Virginia Disposable Plastic Bag Tax Ordinance will be in effect in Charlottesville at grocery stores, convenience stores, and pharmacies.

The City of Charlottesville is moving to reduce plastic pollution in our community. As authorized through Virginia Code § 58.1-1745, retailers will be required to charge \$0.05 per disposable plastic bag provided to customers at checkout. For questions about administration or enforcement, please contact Virginia Tax at (804) 367-8031.

While this does not eliminate the use of all plastic bags, it incentivizes the use of recycled materials and reusable containers such as bags, boxes, and baskets for transporting purchased items.

### What is the Plastic Bag Tax

A 5-cent tax on applicable plastic bags, aimed at reducing plastic pollution

### How will the revenue from the tax be used?

The revenue must be used to purchase and distribute reusable bags to vulnerable populations and fund environmental education and litter clean-up programs.

### What Type of Plastic Bags will be Impacted?

Plastic bags subject to the tax are disposable, plastic bags provided to shoppers in grocery stores, convenience stores, or pharmacies at checkout.

Plastic bags that **ARE NOT** subject to the tax:

- ✓ 4mm thick plastic bags with handles designed for multiple uses.
- ✓ Plastic bags solely used to wrap, contain or package goods to prevent damage or contamination.