## It's BYOB in Belmont (Bring Your Own Bag)

The Reusable Bag Ordinance, which will make Belmont plastic-bag-free, was unanimously approved Tuesday by city council.

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Starting on Earth Day this year (April 22), Belmont, along with other Peninsula cities will become plastic-bag-free zones.

In a 5-0 vote by Belmont City Council Tuesday night, the Reusable Bag Ordinance passed, which means all retail stores in the city limits will be plastic-bag-free. Reusable and recycled content paper bags will still be available for purchase.

The cities of Menlo Park and San Bruno also passed Reusable Bag Ordinances on Tuesday. These brings the total of cities and counties with an adopted ordinance up to 58.

Each year, 20 billion single-use plastic bags are used in California, and most end up in landfills, as litter on land and in waterways, and harming wildlife. The City of Belmont is hoping that together, residents and businesses can break the "Bag Habits" and BYOB (Bring your own Bag).

For more information, visit the Public Works environmental page on the city's website http://www.belmont.gov/SubContent.asp?CatId=240002528

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