

**UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-09**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP,
CHESTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA URGING RETAIL BUSINESS AND
RESIDENTS TO HELP REDUCE THE USE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF
SINGLE USE PLASTICS IN UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP.**

WHEREAS, use and distribution of single-use plastic bags and plastic straws are preventable and have a negative impact on the natural environment and the community of Uwchlan Township (the Township);

WHEREAS, single-use bags and plastic straws pollute the environment, harm wildlife and natural landscapes, clog storm drains and drainage systems, and enter into the waters of the Commonwealth creating further damage to aquatic life and ecosystems;

WHEREAS, plastic film from single-use plastic bags bind and clog sorting equipment and become an operational and financial burden on recycling facilities;

WHEREAS, reusable bags are a readily available alternative to single-use plastic bags, and are both cost effective and help to preserve the natural environment;

WHEREAS, alternatives to plastic straws exist in the forms of reusable straws, recyclable paper straws and compostable straws and are cost effective;

WHEREAS, both single-use plastic bags and plastic straws can be made available to consumers upon request;

WHEREAS, the Uwchlan Township Board of Supervisors, supports efforts to reduce the amount of waste that must be disposed of by supporting the waste management hierarchy (reduce, reuse, recycle, compost, waste-to-energy, landfill);

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest of the residents of the Township to reduce the use of single-use plastic bags and plastic straws to protect the public health and natural environment of the surrounding area;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Uwchlan Township, that Retailers within the Township are encouraged to help reduce the use and environmental impact of single use plastics by promoting the use of reusable bags, utilizing alternatives to plastic straws, training employees to ask customers first before providing a single use plastic item

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that residents of the Township are encouraged to help reduce the use and environmental impact of single use plastics by utilizing reusable bags when

possible, refraining from using a single-use plastic bag if not needed, returning single-use plastic bags to a recycling center or local business collection bins, not using residential curbside recycling bins, repurposing single-use plastic bags, such as trash can liners or to dispose of pet waste and considering whether a single use straw is really necessary

ENACTED AND ORDAINED AS A RESOLUTION BY UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP THIS 8th DAY OF APRIL, 2019.

Attest:

UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP:

Katie Churchill

Township Secretary

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Chairman

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