

Austin, Texas, OKs ban on single-use bags

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March 5 -- The Austin, Texas, City Council has approved a single-use bag ban to begin in March 2013, the Community Impact Newspaper reported.

The single use ban applies to both paper and plastic bags and was passed unanimously, the newspaper [reported](#).

Austin is the largest city in Texas to approve a bag ban.

The City Council dropped a provision that would have allowed for customers to pay a hefty fee for disposable bags if they forgot reusable bags at home, the newspaper reported.

Exceptions to the ban include plastic bags used by dry cleaners and disposable bags used by local food banks.

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