

8/25/15 AGENDA, ITEM 3a: BAG BAN ORDINANCE

SUPPLEMENTAL LETTER FROM DANA MCFARLAND SUBMITTED TO THE CITY CLERK'S  
OFFICE ON 8/25/15 AT 12:48PM

**From:** Dana McFarland [<mailto:danamcfarland79@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 25, 2015 12:48 PM

**To:** Carolyn Petty; Hany Fangary; Michael DiVirgilio; Peter Tucker

**Cc:** Nanette Barragan; Elaine Doerfling

**Subject:** Plastic Bag Surcharge

Dear Hermosa Beach City Council members,

My name is Dana McFarland and my wife and I own Wright's and The Beehive in downtown Manhattan Beach. We have been in business since 1988. We have had a plastic bag ban in our town for awhile now, but we are not required to charge our customers for the bags.

Our customers at Wright's and The Beehive would definitely be upset if we charged them for bags. They would think that we couldn't afford to waive the charge and thus were "nickel" and "dime-ing" them. If a business wants to charge a fee for a bag, they should be able to do so, but government should never force a business to charge extra fees.

I am personally on the Business Improvement District Board and am part of the Downtown Merchants Association. We have a very good relationship with our Manhattan Beach City Council. I'm sure that if we complained about such a forced bag charge in Manhattan Beach they would understand and not require us to have such a charge.

The bottom line is that government should let small businesses do what they do best and not force a wedge between them and their customers.

**Please vote to do away with the bag surcharge.**

Thank you,

Dana McFarland

Wright's  
232 Manhattan Beach Blvd.

The Beehive  
451 Manhattan Beach Blvd.