

196628 : Gewirtz - provide plastic bag reduction info**Meeting** 5/27/2014 5:30 PM**Vote Results****May 27, 2014 5:30 PM**  spacerKept in Committee

Mr. Buckley spoke about ordinances in other communities and said that he believes that such an ordinance in Somerville would be defensible. He noted, however, that placing a deposit fee on plastic bags would be problematic. Members discussed the legislative process involved and the timeline and Mr. Boukili requested that the item be kept in committee until a new Environmental Programs Manager is hired.

Alderman Gewirtz suggested modeling Somerville's ordinance after Brookline's and recommended a threshold of 5,000 (or more) square feet. Members made various recommendations and requested that the Law Department prepare a draft ordinance for the committee's review.

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