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## ORDINANCE

## BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

**SECTION 1.** Section 3-50-020 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is hereby amended by inserting the language underscored, and by deleting the language struck through, as follows:

## 3-50-020 Definitions.

Whenever any of the following words, terms or phrases are used in this chapter, they shall have the following meanings:

"Customer" means any person who purchases tangible personal property from a store.

"Department" means the Department of Finance of the City.

"Checkout bag" means a paper carryout bag or a plastic carryout bag.

"Paper carryout bag" means any paper bag that is provided by a store to a customer for the purpose of carrying goods out of the store. The term "paper carryout bag" does not include bags that are ordinarily intended and designed for use by customers inside a store to: (1) package loose bulk items, such as fruit, vegetables, nuts, grains, candy, cookies or small hardware items; (2) contain or wrap frozen foods, meat or fish, whether prepackaged or not; (3) contain or wrap flowers, potted plants or other damp items; (4) segregate food or merchandise that could damage or contaminate other food or merchandise when placed together in a bag; or (5) contain unwrapped prepared foods or bakery goods. Nor does the term "paper carryout bag" include: (i) bags provided by a pharmacist to contain prescription drugs; (ii) bags sold in packages containing multiple bags intended for use as garbage bags, pet waste bags or yard waste bags; (iii) bags provided by a dine-in or take- out restaurant to contain food or drink purchased by the restaurant's customers; (iv) bags provided by a shoe repair or shoe shine business for customers to carry away their shoes; or (v)(iv) bags of any type that customers bring to a store for their own use or to carry away from the store goods that are not placed in a bag provided by the store.

"Plastic carryout bag" means any plastic bag provided by a store to a customer for the purpose of carrying goods out of the store. The term "plastic carryout bag" does not include bags that are ordinarily intended and designed for use by customers inside a store to: (1) package loose bulk items, such as fruit, vegetables, nuts, grains, candy, cookies or small hardware items; (2) contain or wrap frozen foods, meat or fish, whether prepackaged or not; (3) contain or wrap flowers, potted plants or other damp items; (4) segregate food or merchandise that could damage or contaminate other food or merchandise when placed together in a bag; or (5) contain unwrapped prepared foods or bakery goods. Nor does the term "plastic carryout bag" include: (i) newspaper bags; (ii) dry cleaning or garment bags; (iii) bags provided by a pharmacist to contain prescription drugs; (iv) bags sold in packages containing multiple bags intended for use as garbage bags, pet waste bags or yard waste bags; (v) bags provided by a dine-in or take-out restaurant to contain food or drink purchased by the restaurant's customers; (vi) bags provided by a shoe repair or shoe shine business for customers to carry away their shoes; (vii)(vi) bags of any type that customers bring to a store for their own use or to carry away from the store goods that are not placed in a bag provided by the store; (viii)(vii) plastic liners that are permanently affixed, or designed and intended to be permanently affixed, to the inside of a particular bag; or (ix)(viii) bags with a retail price of at least fifty cents (\$0.50) each.

## (Omitted text is unaffected by this ordinance)

**SECTION 2.** This ordinance shall take effect after passage and publication.

JASON C. ERVIN Alderman, 28th Ward

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