Grocery Store Input
Overview of Recent Amendments

1. Clarified exemption review process
2. Exemption reduction & clarification
3. Educational signage encouraged
4. Thickness of plastic
5. Clarified Effective Date: Dec. 1, 2019
Plastic bags can get mixed in with wipes and attach to machinery contributing to shutdowns and costly maintenance.
Charleston County Recycling

Plastic bags get stuck in recycling equipment causing delays and shutdowns.
Stormwater Infrastructure

Plastic bags can cover stormwater inlets and enter infrastructure reducing drainage flow and effectiveness of stormwater system.
Recycling Is Not Enough

Items in ordinance are not allowed in blue recycling carts

Re-manufacturing plastic often results in downcycling, only delaying disposal
i.e. plastic bottle → pillow fiber
Litter Enforcement Is Not Enough

Intentional vs. Unintentional Littering

Overfilled Garbage

Transporting Loose Materials

Bags Fly
Plastic bags caught in grasses along Morrison Drive
Education and Cleanups are Not Enough
Partnerships in tandem with Legislation
One Year Transition Period

- Dec. 1, 2019
- Resources Being Offered & Pursued
- Hardship Exemption
Nearby Actions

2018
- Sullivan’s Island
- Mount Pleasant
- Surfside Beach
- Hilton Head
- Bluffton
- Beaufort
- Port Royal
- Beaufort County

2016
- Folly Beach

2015
- Isle of Palms
Tourism economy and those that depend on tourism

Livability of our City

Natural environment and marine life

99%