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**City of Middletown**  
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Benjamin D. Florsheim  
MAYOR

March 27, 2020

TO: Middletown grocery stores, retailers, restaurants and residents  
FROM: Mayor Benjamin D. Florsheim

Dear community members:

This week, Governor Lamont issued an executive order suspending the statewide usage fee on disposable grocery bags due to health concerns associated with the use of reusable grocery bags during the COVID-19 crisis.

In accordance with the spirit of this order, I am hereby suspending enforcement of the Middletown Bring Your Own Bag Ordinance (Middletown Code of Ordinances Section 253-27, et seq.), which established a \$0.10 usage fee for paper bags at stores within the City of Middletown, and directing stores in Middletown to provide paper bags to customers free of charge.

This policy is effective immediately and shall remain in place until further notice. Anyone who has questions or concerns may contact the Mayor's Office at (860) 638-4801.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Florsheim", is written over a horizontal line.

Benjamin D. Florsheim  
Mayor