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Carpinteria Bans Single-Use Plastic Bags Across the Board

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Carpinteria--After years of discussion, and more than a dozen public meetings, Carpinteria City Council votes (4 to1) to ban single-use- plastic bags, and now faces a legal battle.

At Monday night's council meeting, the ban was approved across the board--- including stores and restaurants. Small stores, those making less than 5 million dollars gross annual income, can still distribute paper bags. City council member, Joe Armendariz, opposed the ordinance. He said it needed revision to avoid law suits that could cost the city a minimum of 100-thousand dollars.

Other council members including Kathleen Reddington, said going forward was crucial. But a law suit is imminent. The legal representative for the "Save the plastic bag coalition," said they will sue the city if restaurants are not exempt from the ban. No confirmation yet if the suit has been filed.

The law will go into effect for big stores as early as July of this year, for small stores-- July 2013.

KEY News Reporter Shirin Rajae reports.