

## Portland to ban plastic bags?

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Will Portland be the second U.S. city to ban plastic bags?

City Commissioner Sam Adams has started an informal poll on the issue on his personal blog, [www.commissionersam.com](http://www.commissionersam.com). Some say it's a precursor to Adams announcing a campaign to ban plastic bags.

According to the blog, two staffers for Adams -- Megan Pollock and Shoshanah Oppenheim -- have been researching the issue for months. Adams and his staff did not immediately return a call for comment.

Sixty-six percent of voters in the poll on Adams' blog favor banning plastic bags. Another 21 percent favor taxing plastic bags and using the proceeds to fund environmental projects. Only 4 percent favor the current system.

Last week, San Francisco's Board of Supervisors passed an ordinance that would ban plastic bags in grocery stores with more than \$2 million in annual sales. It awaits review by a supportive mayor. San Francisco would likely be the first U.S. city to have such a law.

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