



## Bring Your Own Bag, Chicago!

Starting February 1, 2017, the \$.07 Chicago Checkout Bag Tax will be collected on all disposable paper and plastic bags used in Chicago.

### WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- In an effort to reduce the number of disposable bags used in Chicago, the City is implementing a tax on disposable paper and plastic bags used to carry goods out of stores,
- Businesses will begin collecting a \$0.07 tax on disposable paper and plastic bags on Wednesday, February 1, 2017.
- There are multiple disposable bag exemptions, including:

**Paper and plastic bags used to package loose bulk items**, such as fruit, vegetables, nuts, grains, candy, cookies or small hardware items or to contain or wrap frozen foods, meat or fish, whether prepackaged or not

**Bags provided by a pharmacist to contain prescription drugs, dry cleaning or garment bags and newspaper bags**

**Bags sold in packages containing multiple bags** intended for use as garbage bags, pet waste bags or yard waste bags

**Bags provided by a dine-in or take-out restaurant** to contain food or drink purchased by the restaurant's customers

**Start the habit now, and bring your own bag! #BYOBag**

