Councilor Lopes pushes to ban plastic bags in large grocery stores in New Bedford

New Bedford Ward 6 City Councilor Joe Lopes is pushing to ban plastic bags in large grocery stores in New Bedford. The following written motion will be in front of the City Council on Thursday, Feb. 14:

WRITTEN MOTION, Councillor Lopes requesting that the Committee on Ordinances begin the process of drafting and approving an Ordinance that would require multi-state and national grocery store chains that are 20,000 square feet or larger begin phasing out the use of single-use plastic bags in the City of New Bedford; said Ordinance would require multi-state and national grocery store chains that are 20,000 square feet or larger adhere to the proposed Ordinance that prohibit from providing lightweight, single-use plastic bags to customers in the city of New Bedford by December 31, 2019.