Meter Bag Policies
Curb space downtown is a valuable and limited resource. For this reason the DDA discourages the use of meter bags except when absolutely necessary. Additionally, the DDA recognizes that there is a benefit to repurposing metered on-street spaces for uses other than parking when the use serves to activate public space. Meter bags will be provided in support of those activities that complement the DDA’s mission to strengthen the downtown and meet the DDA’s adopted values:

- Safe, comfortable downtown streets
- Equitable, just access for all people
- Affordable and inclusive community
- Resilient, energy responsible downtown
- Vibrant and thriving local economy
- Responsible design and implementation
- Connected community with streets as civic space

Meter Bags for Curbside Occupancy Permits
The DDA issues meter bags to facilitate the installation of a curbside structure following the issuance of a City of Ann Arbor curbside occupancy permit. These seasonal curbside occupancy permits allow for the repurposing of the street into an active space. These spaces serve as an economic development tool as well as help to activate the public realm. Meter bags for this purpose are provided at a reduced rate of $50.00/month, plus an annual $200.00 administrative fee. Administrative fee and monthly fees are to be paid prior to installation, are non-refundable and are not pro-rated.

Curbside structure design requirements and process information can be found on the City of Ann Arbor’s website- https://www.a2gov.org/services/Pages/Sidewalk-Occupancy-Permit-.aspx#CurbsideOccupancy

The Ann Arbor DDA may revisit and update this policy as necessary. All fees and rates are subject to change.