

**RESOLUTION NO. 19-03**

**CITY OF ST. AUGUSTINE BEACH  
ST. JOHNS COUNTY**

**RE: CONCERNING THE USE OF PLASTIC  
DRINKING STRAWS, PLASTIC STIR  
STICKS AND SIMILAR PLASTIC  
ITEMS; ENCOURAGING BUSINESSES  
AND RESIDENTS TO DISCONTINUE  
THE USE OF PLASTIC DRINKING  
STRAWS, PLASTIC STIR STICKS AND  
SIMILAR PLASTIC ITEMS IN  
WORKING TOWARD A CLEANER  
AND SAFER ENVIRONMENT, BEACH,  
OCEAN; AND PROVIDING AN  
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The City Commission of St. Augustine Beach, St. Johns County, Florida, in the regular meeting duly assembled on April, 29, 2019, resolves as follows:

**WHEREAS**, maintaining and enhancing the quality of the waters of the Atlantic Ocean as well as the beach is important to the quality of life enjoyed by the City of St. Augustine Beach residents, businesses, and visitors, as well as the health of the flora and fauna in those waters and the beach; and

**WHEREAS**, plastic drinking straws are provided by most establishments that offer cold drinks and plastic stirring sticks are provided for hot drinks offered by most establishments; and

**WHEREAS**, plastic drinking straws, plastic stirring sticks and similar plastic items are not biodegradable and break down into smaller pieces that become more difficult to manage and clean up; and

**WHEREAS**, plastic drinking straws, plastic stirring sticks and similar plastic items deposited on the beach or that wash up onto the beach pose a great threat to marine and other wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of trying to make our beach and the ocean clean and safe increases, due in part, to the need to remove plastic drinking straws, plastic stirring sticks and similar plastic items.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine Beach, St. Johns County, Florida, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** All businesses are encouraged to discontinue providing plastic drinking straws, plastic stirring sticks and similar plastic items.

**SECTION 2.** Businesses that provide a product for which a plastic straw, plastic stirring stick and similar plastic items would be desired are encouraged to offer paper straws, metal straws or other biodegradable items as substitutes, and to provide a plastic straw or plastic stirring stick only upon individual request.

**SECTION 3.** City residents are encouraged to discontinue the use of plastic drinking straws, plastic stirring sticks and similar items.

**SECTION 4.** The discontinuation of the use of plastic drinking straws, plastic stirring sticks and similar plastic items is encouraged to be a part of everyone's effort to go "plastic free" in working towards a cleaner and safer environment, beach and ocean.

**SECTION 5.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption.

**RESOLVED AND DONE**, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019, by the City Commission of the City of St. Augustine Beach, St. Johns County, Florida.

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Undine C. George, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Max Royle, City Manager