

Town of Somerset
Resolution Prohibiting Single-Use Plastic at Town Events

Resolution No.:

Introduced: 1/9/23

Adopted:

Effective Date:

WHEREAS, the Town of Somerset wants to take a leadership role in advocating for a healthy community by supporting policies that promote the preservation and protection of our water and other natural resources, and enhance the health of all living creatures that rely on them; and

WHEREAS, single-use plastic items in all forms, including single-use plastic bags, plastic drinking straws, plastic lids, plastic utensils, and plastic soda/water bottles inflict ecological harm to life and the environment resulting from their use and their degradation into micro-plastics; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Somerset is in a position to educate residents and visitors about the risks of non-biodegradable, single-use plastics, and to promote reusable and/or compostable materials; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution was considered in open session on the ~~20th~~ _____th day of ~~January~~February, 2023~~2~~.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Somerset endorses the initiative to reduce the use of non-biodegradable, single-use plastics; and

RESOLVED, that the Town of Somerset urges all residents to embrace and commit to reduce, reuse, and recycle in their daily lives; and

RESOLVED, that the Town of Somerset hereby prohibits the sale and use of single-use plastic at Town meetings and events taking place at Town facilities, including the Town Hall and Town Pool. As used in this policy, Town meetings and events mean those meetings and events that are conducted, organized, or sponsored by the Town Council, staff, or a committee; and

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption and shall be filed by the Clerk-Treasurer and kept available for public inspection.

ATTEST:

TOWN OF SOMERSET

Matt Trollinger, Manager/Clerk-Treasurer
Town of Somerset

Stephen Surko, President
Town of Somerset

Approved:

Jeffrey Slavin, Mayor
Town of Somerset

Date: _____