



Lake County Policy

Policy on the Prohibition of Single Use Plastics

Approved by the County Board on:

1. Purpose and intent

1.1 The purpose of the policy is to improve the environment via reduction in the use of certain single use plastics.

2. Background

2.1 This policy was requested by the Energy and Environment Committee, hereafter called the Planning, Building, Zoning & Environment Committee, subsequent to staff analysis and proposal of options.

3. Scope

3.1 This policy applies to all Lake County Government facilities over which the Lake County Board has authority.

4. Authority

4.1 The County Administrator is directed to implement a solution that meets the requirements of this policy in accordance with all applicable codes or ordinances.

4.2 The Planning, Building, Zoning & Environment Committee has oversight over this policy and will be the final arbiter of any conflicts or concerns with the implementation of this policy.

5. Policy

5.1 Effective January 1, 2023, single-use plastics associated with service ware, eating, and drinking, such as cutlery, coated paper plates, beverage bottles, to-go containers, lids, straws, stir sticks, six-pack rings, shopping or storage bags, and plastic wrap, will cease to be purchased, sold, or distributed within Lake County government operations and all County government sites over which the Lake County Board has authority, including the County's cafeteria operations and vending machines, excluding circumstances in which no reasonable alternative product exists.

5.2 This policy shall be reviewed annually with any recommended amendments brought to the defined oversight committee.

5.3 Progress reports shall be provided to the defined oversight committee as the County Administrator deems appropriate.

6. Severability

6.1 If any section or provision of this document should be held invalid by operation of law, none of the remainder shall be affected.

7. Non-Discrimination

7.1 Lake County prohibits the discriminatory application, implementation, or enforcement of any provision of this policy on the basis of race, color, sex, age, religion, disability, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, marital status, parental status, military discharge status, source of income, gender identity housing status, or any other protected category established by law, statute, or ordinance.

8. Policy History

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