

RESOLUTION NO. 880

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT, FLORIDA, SUPPORTING THE VOLUNTARY REDUCTION AND ULTIMATE ELIMINATION OF SINGLE-USE PLASTIC STRAWS AND SIMILAR PLASTIC ITEMS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the Town of Sewall's Point, Florida (hereinafter, "Town"), is a duly constituted municipality having such power and authority conferred upon it by the Florida Constitution and Chapter 166, Florida Statutes; and

WHEREAS, approximately 8 million tons of plastic pollution flow into the oceans each year; and

WHEREAS, plastic straws are not compostable or biodegradable, but instead photodegrade into smaller pieces which are then ingested by terrestrial and marine life and can eventually make its way into the human food chain and water supply generating a serious threat to our natural environment, marine and wildlife and to human health; and

WHEREAS, the reduction of single-use plastic straws and other similar plastic items is a strategy to reduce marine debris and its negative impacts; and

WHEREAS, the Town considers the reduction and ultimate elimination of single-use plastic straws and other similar plastic items of high importance; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to support policies that act to conserve natural resources, contribute to the long-term economic vitality of the St. Lucie River and the Indian River Lagoon as well as their tributaries, and to reduce waste and pollution in the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Town Commission encourages and supports the reduction of single-use straws and the overall reduction of plastic with the ultimate goal of the elimination of plastic pollution in terrestrial and marine environments in furtherance of the protection of aquatic life and the public's health, safety and welfare.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF SEWALL'S POINT, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The whereas clauses are incorporated herein as true and correct and as the legislative findings of the Town Commission.

Section 2. All Town of Sewall's Point businesses are encouraged to discontinue providing plastic drinking straws, plastic stirring sticks and similar plastic items as soon as possible. Local businesses that provide a product for which a plastic straw, plastic stirring stick and similar plastic items may be used are encouraged to reduce single-use service ware or offer alternative biodegradable, marine friendly items as substitutes, and to provide a plastic straw only when an individual insists upon such product.

Section 3. All Town residents and visitors are encouraged to discontinue the use of plastic drinking straws, plastic stirring sticks and similar plastic items and to politely refuse to accept such items if offered by a business.

Section 4. This resolution will take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Campos offered the Resolution and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Mayfield, and upon being put to a vote, the vote was:

| | <u>AYE</u> | <u>NAY</u> |
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| VINCENT N. BARILE, MAYOR | ✓ | — |
| FRANK FENDER, VICE MAYOR | — | — |
| JAMES W. CAMPO, COMMISSIONER | ✓ | — |
| DAVE KURZMAN, COMMISSIONER | ✓ | — |
| KAIJA MAYFIELD, COMMISSIONER | ✓ | — |

The Town Manager thereupon declared this Resolution No. 880 approved and adopted by the Town Commission of the Town of Sewall's Point on this 26th day of November, 2019.

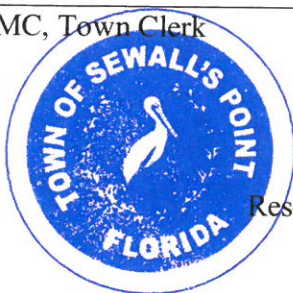
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 VINCENT N. BARILE, MAYOR

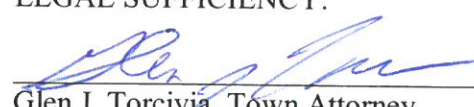
ATTEST:


 Cheryl White, MMC, Town Clerk

(TOWN SEAL)



APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
 LEGAL SUFFICIENCY:


 Glen J. Torcivia, Town Attorney

Florida Bar No. 343374