

DECISION TO REDUCE THE USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTICS FOR THE MUNICIPALITY SALI AND INSTITUTION AND TRADE COMPANIES IN THE (CO)OWNERSHIP OF THE MUNICIPALITY

Article 1.

This Decision adopts measures in the administrative bodies of the Municipality of Sali (hereinafter: Municipality) and institutions and trade companies in the (co)ownership of the Municipality (hereinafter: institutions and companies) determines a 30% reduction of the use of single-use plastics and the replacement of certain items used in the business with solutions more acceptable for the environment, all with a view to prevent and/or reduce the adverse impact of certain plastic products on the environment.

The Decision is adopted with a view of implementing the measures from Directive (EU) 2015/720 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2015 amending Directive 94/62/EC as regards reducing the consumption of lightweight plastic carrier bags and Directive (EU) 2019/904 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 June 2019 on the reduction of the impact of certain plastic products on the environment.

Decision to reduce the use of single-use plastics for the Municipality Sali and institutions and trade companies in the (co)ownership of the Municipality (hereinafter: Decision) applies in the manner of work and the conduct of all officials and the city's regents and all employees of institutions and trade companies.

Article 2.

Municipality in accordance with *Action plan to reduce plastic pollution in the Municipality Sali for the period 2021.- 2026.* (KLASA: 351-02/21-01/08, URNUMBER : 2128/03-21-1), in order to fulfil the obligations under the Directives of European Parliament and the Council Article 1(2), adopts measures aimed at developing awareness about environmental protection and plastic pollution at officials and regents of the Municipality, local community and employees of business entities, especially in the marine environment and harmonisation of business processes, i.e. measures of this Decision.

The measures referred to paragraph 1. of this article are:

1. installation of separate waste collection containers (plastic, paper, glass, electronic waste, municipal waste, etc.) to suitable places in the institutions and the separation of waste at the place of origin, whenever possible, as well as ensuring adequate dispatch of and disposal of all separately collected waste
2. replacement of single-use plastic cups with the ones made of glass or other reusable cups
3. ensuring the possibility of using reusable cups on coffee and water machines, i.e. complete abolition of single-use plastic cups
4. replacement of single-use plastic cutlery and plastic coffee spoons with the reusable ones for example, metal or other alternatives made from natural biodegradable and compostable materials (wood, paper, fibres, secession reeds, bamboo reeds, etc.)

5. replacement of single-use plastic straws with acceptable alternative solutions (straws made of alternative materials such as paper, bamboo, steel)
6. replacement of all single-use plastic bags with reusable cloth bags or paper bags, whenever possible
7. digitalization of the documents and promoting the use of electronic documents among employees, officials and regents whenever possible
8. replacement and procurement of the office supplies without plastic packaging
9. ensuring the purchase of the drinks and other fluids only in the returnable packaging, whenever possible
10. replacement and procurement of cleaning and personal hygiene products with the ones who have environmentally friendly ingredients (such as natural cleansers) and the use of products that can be refilled in order to reduce generation of packaging waste, whenever possible.

Article 3.

It is recommended that all public events organised or co-organised, i.e. financed iii co-financed by the Municipality, institutions and traders in the (co)ownership of the Municipality are organized in accordance with the 2., 4., 5., 6., 7., 8., 9., and 10. from Article 2(2) this Decission.

Municipality, institutions and companies that are in (co)ownership of the Municipality are obliged to provide and arange with organiser of public events separate collection of waste at the place of origin, as well as its convenient collection and disposal.

Municipality, institutions and companies that are in the (co)ownership of the Municipality will provide instructions to the organisers in accordance with the measures.

Article 4.

The Municipality, institutions and companies, will apply the criteria and procurement of green public procurement (<http://www.zelenanabava.hr/>) whenever possible.

In their business, Municipality, institutions and companies whenever possible:

- will not use single-use plastic, but alternatives and products that are more acceptable to environment will be used, with particular emphasis on the principle of *reuse*
- the procurement will prioritise recycled and reusable plastics; compostable and biodegradable plastics where there is no other solution.

Article 5.

The decision takes measures and activities that need to be implemented in order to reduce the use of single-use plastic with the ultimate aim of banning it's use and replacing it with solutions more acceptable for the environment.

Existing equipment and inventory used in Municipality premises, companies and institutions, which are not made of materials acceptable for environment or biodegradable materials, will remain in use until is not spent or until its function is satisfactory in order to avoid additional waste generation.

Article 6.

The terms used in this Decision, which have gender, refer equally to male and female gender.

Article 7.

This Decision shall enter into force eight days from the date of publication in the Official Gazette of the Municipality Sali.