

## **DECISION TO REDUCE THE USE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTICS FOR THE CITY OF STARI GRAD AND INSTITUTION AND TRADE COMPANIES IN THE (CO)OWNERSHIP OF THE CITY**

### **Article 1.**

This Decision adopts measures in the administrative bodies of the City of Stari Grad (hereinafter: City) and institutions and trade companies in the (co)ownership of the City (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 City of Stari Grad and institutions and companies in the (co)ownership of the City (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.**

City in accordance with *Action plan to reduce plastic pollution in the City of Stari Grad 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, adopts measures aimed at developing awareness about environmental protection and plastic pollution at officials and regents of the City, 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 for which alternative solutions exist, whenever possible
9. ensuring the purchase of the drinks only in the returnable packaging
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 City, institutions and traders in the (co)ownership of the City are organized in accordance with the 2., 4., 5., 6., 7., 8., 9., and 10. from Article 2(2) this Decission.

The City, institutions and companies that are in (co)ownership of the City 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.

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

### **Article 4.**

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

### **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 city premises, companies and institutions, which is 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 City of Stari Grad.