

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2023

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING METRO GOVERNMENT TO IMPLEMENT REUSABLE CUTLERY AT ALL METRO GOVERNMENT EVENTS.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER BETSY RUHE

WHEREAS, single-use plastics are comprised of fossil fuels, natural gas, and crude oil – harmful chemicals that are tied to hormonal imbalances, infertility, and cancer; and

WHEREAS, single-use plastics are non-degradable, only breaking up into smaller micro-plastics which seep into the soil and water sources; and

WHEREAS, people consume, through eating and inhalation, 120,000 particles of microplastics each year, increasing the risk of chemical exposure and severe health problems; and

WHEREAS, Metro Government and its various departments routinely host gatherings, either for its employees or by hosting an event for the public; and

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to reduce the use of single-use food service products by Metro Government during these events; and

WHEREAS, this Council finds that this Resolution will assist in achieving the waste reduction goals of Louisville by reducing the improper disposal of single-use plastic ware.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: The Office of Sustainability is encouraged to create graphics educating Metro Government employees on the negative effects of single-use plastic ware.

SECTION II: For events hosted or sponsored by Metro Government, its various departments are encouraged to provide reusable or recyclable cutlery, both for use by Metro Government employees and events open to the public.

SECTION III: This Resolution shall take effect after its passage and approval or otherwise becoming law.

Sonya Harward
Metro Council Clerk

Markus Winkler
President of the Council

Craig Greenberg
Mayor

Approval Date

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGALITY:

Michael J. O'Connell
Jefferson County Attorney

By: _____

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