

RESOLUTION NO. _____, SERIES 2023

A RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING A COLLABORATION BETWEEN METRO GOVERNMENT AND LOCAL RESTAURANTS TO MINIMIZE THE WASTE OF SINGLE-USE PLASTICS (AMENDMENT BY SUBSTITUTION).

SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL MEMBER BATSHON

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, the Metro Council expresses its intention that consumers should be educated on the harms of improperly disposing of plastic ware; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council expresses its intention that it wishes Metro Government to collaborate with local restaurants rather than imposing mandates and fines; and

WHEREAS, this Council wishes to reduce the harms of single-use plastic ware on the environment; 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 (THE COUNCIL) AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I: The Office of Sustainability is encouraged to create graphics educating consumers on the harms of improperly disposing of plastic ware; and

SECTION II: Metro Government offices are encouraged to collaborate with local restaurants and the Kentucky Restaurant Association in the implementation of the goals of this Resolution;

SECTION III: This Resolution shall take 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: _____