

SUNRISE, FLORIDA

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SUNRISE, FLORIDA, ESTABLISHING
A “GOOD AND GREEN EVENTS POLICY” FOR CITY-HOSTED
SPECIAL EVENTS AND FESTIVALS TO REDUCE SINGLE-USE
PLASTICS, EVENT WASTE, AND FOSTER ENVIRONMENTAL
STEWARDSHIP; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the City of Sunrise (City) established a City of Sunrise Sustainability Action Plan (Sunrise SAP) via Resolution No. 19-63; and

WHEREAS, the City wants to approve a Good and Green Events Policy (Policy) to implement the Sunrise’s SAP goals for reducing the City’s greenhouse gas emissions (**RM3**), protecting water and air resources (**S1**), creating a sustainability ethic (**S4**), and increasing the City’s waste diversion rate (**S5**); and

WHEREAS, the City hosts numerous special events and festivals that attract residents and visitors of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the City recognizes the need for immediate, deliberate, and appropriate actions to reduce single-use plastics at City events; and

WHEREAS, the City acknowledges that reducing waste at events will result in the reduction of purchasing and collection costs; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission recognizes that while certain single-use straws are recyclable, most are not recycled and often end up in overburdened landfills, waterways and the ocean; and

WHEREAS, the City finds that there are alternatives to plastic straws which are reasonable, less harmful to the natural environment, and can be composted or biodegrade in landfill; and

WHEREAS, according to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (EPA), over 45 million tons of waste was collected in Florida municipal solid waste systems during 2017; and

WHEREAS, according to the EPA, trash, packaging, and improperly disposed waste accounts for 80% of the marine debris found on beaches during clean-ups, and up to two-thirds of the debris comes from single-use, disposable packaging from food and

beverage related goods and services (e.g., plastic cups, bottles, straws, utensils, and stirrers); and

WHEREAS, the EPA identified that when expanded polystyrene, which is made of fossil fuels and synthetic chemicals, enters our waterways and becomes marine debris, it can “have serious impacts on human health, wildlife, the aquatic environment, and the economy;” and

WHEREAS, single-use plastics and plastic bags that are not recyclable or biodegradable do not fully degrade in our oceans or landfills, may introduce unsafe chemicals into our environment, and may be ingested by marine life and other wildlife or may entangle marine life and other wildlife, thus harming or killing them;

WHEREAS, the City is committed to providing staff, financial, and technical resources to carry out this Policy.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SUNRISE, FLORIDA:

Section 1. The foregoing Whereas clauses are hereby ratified and incorporated as the legislative intent of this Resolution.

Section 2. The City Commission hereby supports the establishment of a “Good and Green Events Policy,” a copy of which is attached hereto and made part of this Resolution as Exhibit A.

Section 3. The City Manager and Department Directors are encouraged to follow the guidelines contained in the Good and Green Events Policy, and to allow all City-hosted/City-funded events to meet the Good and Green Standard of the Good and Green Events Policy at a minimum.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective January 1, 2020.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ DAY of _____, 2019.

Mayor Michael J. Ryan

Authentication:

Felicia M. Bravo
City Clerk

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Approved by the City Attorney
as to Form and Legal Sufficiency

Kimberly A. Kisslan