

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA; TO REQUEST THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ALLOW LOCAL MUNICIPALITIES TO REGULATE SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, in 2008, the State of Florida passed a law that prohibited local governments from regulating single-use plastic bags; and

WHEREAS, single-use plastic bags may be detrimental to local environments; and

WHEREAS, single-use plastic bags create an impediment to the City's waste reduction and recycling goals; and

WHEREAS, the impacts of single-use plastic bags may vary from community to community; and

WHEREAS, reusable bags are considered to be the best option to reduce waste and litter, protect wildlife and conserve resources and preserve areas of natural beauty essential to the economic vitality of our state; and

WHEREAS, local governments are in the best position to evaluate the impacts of single-use plastic bags to the local area; and

WHEREAS, under Florida's long tradition of Home Rule, it is in the best interests of the State of Florida to allow local governments to regulate single-use plastic bags.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VENICE, FLORIDA, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Whereas clauses above are ratified and confirmed as true and correct.

SECTION 2. The City of Venice is committed to the long-standing principal of Home Rule and believes that it is in the best position to determine whether regulation is necessary for the impacts to its unique community of the use of single-use plastic bags to ensuring a thriving, attractive and safe environment for current and future residents as well as visitors to the City.

SECTION 3. The City of Venice requests the Florida State Legislature to allow local governments in the State of Florida to regulate their own local communities in an effort to alleviate any harm caused by single-use plastic bags.

SECTION 4. A copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the State of Florida Speaker of the House of Representatives, State of Florida Senate President, Senator Steube and Representative Gonzalez.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption as provided by law.

John W. Holic, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk

I, Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk of the City of Venice, Florida, a municipal corporation in Sarasota County, Florida, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and complete, true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by Venice City Council at a meeting thereof duly convened and held on the 28th day of February, 2017, a quorum being present.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of the said city this 28th day of February, 2017.

Lori Stelzer, MMC, City Clerk