

Sec. 54-39. - Prohibition on use or service of plastic straws.

- (a) No business, restaurant, including, but not limited to, cafeteria, including school cafeterias, cafe, bar or other establishment at which food or drink is served or purchased, and which is located directly adjacent to city beaches as defined and as depicted in the figure below, shall use, serve, or distribute plastic drinking straws on or after the effective date of the ordinance from which this section is derived. For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:
- (1) *Beach* is the sand portion of land lying seaward of a seawall or line of permanent vegetation and landward of the mean high water line; and
 - (2) A *straw* is defined to mean a tube for transferring a beverage or liquid from a container to the mouth of a drinker by suction or other means.
- (b) Amortization. Any business, restaurant, including, but not limited to, hotels, motels and time-shares, cafeteria, cafe, bar; any other establishment at which food or drink is served or purchased, and any school cafeteria, which is located directly adjacent to city beaches as defined and as depicted in the figure below, and, other than a school cafeteria, that possesses an active county local business tax receipt on the adoption date of the ordinance from which this section is derived, shall be permitted to continue to use, serve or distribute plastic drinking straws for a period of time not to exceed three months from the date of the ordinance creating this section, even if it is not in compliance with this section.
- (c) Exemptions. This section does not apply to:
- (1) Food grade paper straws.
 - (2) Straws made of compostable plant material.
 - (3) Reusable non-plastic straws.



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