

**RESOLUTION RESTRICTING THE PURCHASE OF PLASTIC STIR STICKS AND  
PLASTIC STRAWS BY ANN ARBOR PARKS AND RECREATION**

WHEREAS, the City of Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation Services Unit is committed to serving as an effective and careful steward of our natural resources and environment;  
and

WHEREAS, the reliance on single-use plastics contributes significantly to global warming, landfill size and associated air pollution, and marine plastic pollution; and

WHEREAS, plastic does not biodegrade but instead breaks down into smaller particles that enter the marine food chain and, eventually, into humans, potentially causing as-yet unknown health risks; and

WHEREAS, reasonably priced alternatives to plastic straws and stirring sticks exist; and

WHEREAS, the Park Advisory Commission is committed to environmentally sustainable practices and the stewardship of parkland in Ann Arbor;

RESOLVED, the Park Advisory Commission recommends the City of Ann Arbor Parks and Recreation Services Unit effective May 1, 2019 no longer purchase plastic straws or plastic stirrer sticks, unless for health, medical, or safety purposes.