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Starting in December 2019, you'll be hard pressed to find a plastic straw, single use plastic bag, or plastic utensil set in Bal Harbour's restaurants and hotels.

If you do, they will be against local ordinance. This is the result of action taken in early April 2019 by the Bal Harbour Village Council to enact a single use plastic ban for all commercial businesses.

The new ordinance is considered one of the most comprehensive in the State of Florida against single use plastic products.

While many of the Village's restaurants and businesses have already adopted their own environmentally conscious best practices to reduce the use of plastics in their operations, this ordinance implements an outright ban on single use products to protect our sensitive coastal environment. The Village is currently working with local businesses to help them understand the new ordinance and will begin issuing warnings later this year for those who are not in compliance after extensive outreach and education efforts.

Fines and more serious implications will be issued starting December 1, 2019 to businesses and hotels who are not in full compliance with the single use plastics ban.

To read the Ordinance and Executive Summary, visit Bal Harbour's website at:

<https://balharbourfl.gov/government/agenda>