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### **Introduction**

The college recognizes the environmental impact of single-use plastics and is committed to promoting sustainable practices on campus. This policy outlines the college's decision to ban the use of single-use plastics and its commitment to reducing plastic waste.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to:

1. Reduce the consumption of single-use plastics on campus to minimize plastic pollution and its adverse effects on the environment.
2. Promote the use of alternative, environmentally friendly materials and practices.
3. Educate the college community about the importance of sustainability and waste reduction.

### **Policy Guidelines**

#### 1. Scope of Ban:

- The ban on single-use plastics applies to all college-owned facilities, including cafeterias, vending machines, events, and administrative offices.
- Single-use plastics prohibited under this policy include, but are not limited to, plastic bags, straws, cutlery, cups, and food containers.

#### 2. Alternative Solutions:

- College will encourage the use of reusable or compostable alternatives to single-use plastics wherever feasible.
- Reusable utensils, containers, and water bottles will be promoted, and efforts will be made to provide convenient access to refill stations for water and other beverages.
- Compliance with this policy will be monitored and enforced by college administration, with penalties imposed for violations as deemed necessary



### 3. Compliance and Enforcement:

- All vendors and suppliers operating on campus must comply with the ban on single-use plastics and provide environmentally friendly alternatives.
- Compliance with this policy will be monitored and enforced by college administration, with penalties imposed for violations as deemed necessary.

### 4. Education and Awareness:

- Educational campaigns, workshops, and outreach initiatives will be conducted to raise awareness about the environmental impact of single-use plastics and the importance of waste reduction.
- Informational materials and signage will be displayed across campus to inform students, faculty, staff, and visitors about the policy and its objectives.

### 5. Sustainability Initiatives:

- College will implement additional sustainability initiatives to complement the ban on single-use plastics, such as waste reduction programs, recycling initiatives, and composting facilities.
- Partnerships with local organizations and initiatives aimed at reducing plastic waste will be explored to support broader environmental conservation efforts.

**Compliance:** All members of the college community, including students, faculty, staff, contractors, and visitors, are expected to comply with the provisions of this policy.

**Review and Amendment:** This policy will be reviewed periodically to assess its effectiveness and make necessary adjustments. Amendments may be made as needed by the college administration to enhance the impact and sustainability of the single-use plastics ban.

**Conclusion:** By implementing a ban on single-use plastics, college demonstrates its commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability. Through collective efforts and conscious consumer choices, we can work towards an eco-friendlier campus and contribute to the global movement to reduce plastic pollution.