REGULATION FOR THE INTRODUCTION AND APPLICATION OF THE CHARGE FOR PERSONS ARRIVING BY ANY CARRIER ENTERING THE OLD CITY OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF VENICE AND THE MINOR LAGOON ISLANDS

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IN THE EVENT OF ANY INCONSISTENCY OR DISCREPANCY BETWEEN THE ITALIAN VERSION AND ANY OTHER LANGUAGE VERSIONS OF THIS REGULATION, THE ITALIAN VERSION SHALL PREVAIL.

Subject matter and scope

- 1. This Regulation has been adopted pursuant to Article 52 of Legislative Decree No. 446 of 15 December 1997, and subsequent amendments.
- 2. This Regulation establishes and regulates the visitor charge under Article 4, paragraph 3-bis of Legislative Decree No. 23 of 14 March 2011, applicable, pursuant to Article 1, paragraph 1129 of Law No. 145 of 30 December 2018, for entry into the old City of the Municipality of Venice and the minor lagoon islands, up to the maximum as laid down in Article 14, paragraph 16, letter e) of Decree Law No. 78 of 31 May 2010, converted, with amendments, by Law No. 122 of 30 July 2010.
- 3. The proceeds of this charge are to be used to finance the operations referred to in the aforementioned Article 4, paragraph 3-bis of Legislative Decree No. 23 of 14 March 2011.

Article 2

Premise for the charge

- 1. Pursuant to Article 1, paragraph 1129 of Law No. 145 of 30 December 2018, the premise for the charge is entry, by persons arriving by any carrier, into the old City of the Municipality of Venice or the minor lagoon islands.
- 2. The perimeter of the old City of the Municipality of Venice is identified in Homogeneous Geographical Area No. 1 "Old Venice City" in accordance with the Land-Planning Scheme, adopted by the City Council with Resolution No. 5 on 30-31 January 2012, approved by the decision-making Inter-services Conference of the Municipality of Venice and the Province of Venice, concluded on 30 September 2014 and ratified by Resolution No.

- 128 of the Provincial Executive of Venice of 10 October 2014. The boundaries of the old City of the Municipality of Venice can be seen in Appendix 1 to this Regulation. The "minor lagoon islands" are those identified and listed in Appendix 2 to this Regulation.
- 3. For the purposes of the application of this Regulation, the term carrier means any natural or juridical person, public or private, who provides a service for the transportation of people for commercial reasons, such as, by way of example, but not of limitation:
 - a) shipping companies, including cruise shipping companies;
 - b) rail carriers;
 - c) carriers providing scheduled public land or water transport services;
 - d) carriers not providing scheduled public transport services, such as, for example, coaches, chauffeur car hire, taxis (including water taxis) and "Lancioni" (large pleasure boats);
 - e) air carriers providing passenger transport services landing at the G. Nicelli airport on the Venice Lido.

Persons liable

- 1. The visitor charge is levied as an alternative to the temporary residence levy set out in Article. 4, paragraph 1 of Legislative Decree No. 23 of 14 March 2011, and must be paid, in the ways and manner specified in this Regulation, by all persons, arriving by any carrier, as defined in Article 2, who enter the old City of the Municipality of Venice or the minor lagoon islands, with the exception of those persons exempt or excluded as specified in Articles 4 and 5.
- Payment of the charge entitles a person to access the old City of the Municipality of Venice and the minor lagoon islands until midnight of the day for which payment is made. Payment of the charge to enter the old

City of the Municipality of Venice also entitles a person to enter the minor lagoon islands and vice versa.

Article 4

Exclusions

- 1. Those persons identified in Article 4, paragraph 3-bis of Legislative Decree No. 23 of 14 March 2011, are not required to pay the visitor charge, namely:
 - a) persons resident in the Municipality of Venice;
 - b) workers, including commuters:
 - employees who work on a regular or also temporary basis in the old City of the Municipality of Venice or the minor lagoon islands;
 - self-employed persons or businesspersons whose place of business or domicile is in the old City of the Municipality of Venice or the minor lagoon islands;
 - employees, self-employed persons and persons treated as such, or businesspersons, who come to the old City of the Municipality of Venice or the minor lagoon islands for reasons of work;
 - c) students, including those who commute, from any kind or level of school, university or postgraduate institution operating in the old City of the Municipality of Venice or the minor lagoon islands;
 - d) persons, as well as members of their nuclear family, who have paid Municipal Property Tax (IMU) in the Municipality of Venice.
 - 2. Persons excluded from payment of the charge pursuant to this Article must prove that they are permanently or temporarily entitled not to pay the charge by means of the appropriate self-certification or certification, or declarations made by the persons themselves or third parties in line with the relevant procedures, permanent or temporary, established by Municipal Executive resolutions in compliance with the rules on privacy as laid down

in Regulation (EU) No. 679/2016 and Legislative Decree No. 196 of 30 June 2003, as amended by Legislative Decree No. 101 of 10 August 2018, and subsequent amendments.

Article 5

Exemptions

- 1. The following persons are exempted from payment of the visitor charge:
 - a) persons staying in tourist accommodation, as referred to in Article 2 of the Regulation on the Municipality of Venice's temporary residence levy, located within the Municipality's boundaries that provides any kind whatsoever of temporary paid accommodation subject to the temporary residence levy pursuant to Article 4, paragraph 1 of Legislative Decree No. 23 of 14 March 2011; exemption is granted from the day on which the person arrives at the tourist accommodation to the day of departure;
 - a) persons born in the Municipality of Venice;
 - b) persons resident in the Metropolitan City of Venice;
 - c) persons resident in the Veneto Region;
 - d) holders of the "Venezia Unica" City Pass valid for navigation services;
 - e) children under the age of 6;
 - f) persons with a disability that has been certified under Italian law pursuant to Article 3, paragraph 3, of Law No. 104 of 5 February 1992, or a similar foreign law, including any accompanying person;
 - g) persons undergoing treatment or with a medical appointment in a healthcare facility located in the old City of the Municipality of Venice or the minor lagoon islands;
 - h) persons assisting or accompanying patients in healthcare facilities located in the old City of the Municipality of Venice or the minor lagoon islands;

- i) persons entering the old City of the Municipality of Venice or the minor lagoon islands to take part in sporting competitions recognised by the Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI), its Federations, or sports promotion bodies;
- j) persons entering the old City of the Municipality of Venice or the minor lagoon islands using TPL services set up specifically to transport visitors to sports facilities so they can attend the relative sporting competition;
- k) public administrators and officials travelling to the old City of the Municipality of Venice or the minor lagoon islands on official business;
- volunteers offering their services in the old City of the Municipality of Venice or the minor lagoon islands in events and/or activities organised or supported by the Municipal Authorities or those organised by the Metropolitan City of Venice and the Veneto Region;
- m) volunteers offering their services in the old City of the Municipality of Venice or the minor lagoon islands during emergencies;
- n) members of the armed forces or public security forces, including members of the national fire service, coming to the old City of the Municipality of Venice or the minor lagoon islands in performance of their official duties:
- o) members of the nuclear family of a household head who has signed a rental contract for non-tourist accommodation located in the old City of the Municipality of Venice or the minor lagoon islands;
- p) spouses or persons in a civil union or domestic partnership pursuant to Article 1, paragraph 37, of Law No. 76 of 20 May 2016, and relatives and relatives-in-law up to third degree of persons held in penal institutions in the old City whom they are visiting;
- q) spouses or persons in a civil union or domestic partnership pursuant to Article 1, paragraph 37, of Law No. 76 of 20 May 2016, and relatives

- and relatives-in-law up to third degree of residents in the old City of the Municipality of Venice or the minor lagoon islands;
- r) spouses or persons in a civil union or domestic partnership pursuant to Article 1, paragraph 37, of Law No. 76 of 20 May 2016, and relatives and relatives-in-law up to third degree of a deceased person whose funeral they are attending in the old City of the Municipality of Venice or the minor lagoon islands;
- s) spouses or persons in a civil union or domestic partnership pursuant to Article 1, paragraph 37, of Law No. 76 of 20 May 2016, and relatives and relatives-in-law up to third degree of persons residing in sociohealthcare facilities located in the old City of the Municipality of Venice or the minor lagoon islands whom they are visiting;
- t) parties to the proceedings and witnesses in legal proceedings taking place in the old City;
- u) persons summoned to public offices or courts located in the old City of the Municipality of Venice or the minor lagoon islands on matters of justice or other matters of public interest;
- v) persons liable who have paid the visitor charge by arriving on a vessel duly registered with the Venice Port Authority are exempt from further payment from the day on which the vessel docks until the vessel departs.
- 2. Persons exempt from payment of the charge pursuant to this Article must prove that they are permanently or temporarily entitled not to pay the charge by means of the appropriate self-certification or certification, or of declarations made by the persons themselves or third parties, in line with the relevant procedures, permanent or temporary, established by Municipal Executive resolutions in compliance with the rules on privacy as laid down in Regulation (EU) No. 679/2016 and Legislative Decree No. 196 of 30 June 2003, as amended by Legislative Decree No. 101 of 10 August 2018, and subsequent amendments.

Visitor charge rates

- Except where otherwise specified in Article 15 of this Regulation, the visitor charge for entry into the old City of the Municipality of Venice or the minor lagoon islands is set at €6 for every day of the year. This does not include the "bollino verde", "bollino rosso" and "bollino nero" days, as defined below.
- Days on which relatively low numbers of visitors to the old City of the Municipality of Venice or the minor lagoon islands are expected are denominated "bollino verde" days, when the visitor charge is set at €3.
- 3. Days on which large numbers of visitors to the old City of the Municipality of Venice or the minor lagoon islands are expected are denominated "bollino rosso" days, when the visitor charge is set at €8.
- 4. Days on which exceptionally high numbers of visitors to the old City of the Municipality of Venice or the minor lagoon islands are expected are denominated "bollino nero" days, when the visitor charge is set at €10.
- 5. The "bollino verde", "bollino rosso" and "bollino nero" days are established by Municipal Executive resolution, normally before 30 June of the year previous to their application.
- 6. Any changes to the visitor charge rate under this Article shall be set by a Municipal Executive resolution.

Reductions

1. In order to encourage sustainable tourism awareness and the adoption of good practices in the tourist sector, given the City of Venice's role in the Veneto Region's tourism system, persons staying in commercially-run accommodation anywhere in the Veneto Region are entitled to a 50% reduction in the visitor charge in accordance with Article 6, paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 of this Regulation, on condition that a specific agreement has been signed by the Municipality of Venice, each individual accommodation structure and the relevant Municipalities, namely the Municipality in which each accommodation structure is located, using a standard agreement approved by the Municipal Executive. This reduction does not, therefore, apply to "bollino verde" days in accordance with Article 6, paragraph 2.

Article 8

Obligations of the Carrier

- 1. All carriers must collect the visitor charge by including this charge in the cost of the ticket or whatever term is used for payment of transportation, pursuant to in Article 2 of this Regulation, except where the Municipality of Venice collects the charge directly, as envisaged and regulated by Article 10 of this Regulation.
- 2. Carriers required to collect payment of the visitor charge are responsible for paying these amounts to the Municipality of Venice, having been given the right to levy this charge on persons liable. These carriers must also make the declaration specified in Article 4, paragraph 3-bis of Legislative Decree No. 23 of 14 March 2011 by 28 February each year. The content of the declaration and the procedures for presenting it shall be established by a Municipal Executive resolution.

- 3. Carriers required to collect payment of the visitor charge are also required to:
 - a) notify persons liable, using whatever means necessary, including the Internet and other information technology, of the visitor charge they are required to pay, including the amount, terms and conditions and how it is paid;
 - b) collect the charge by including this charge in the cost of the ticket or whatever term is used for payment of transportation, issuing a receipt for the amount collected, also by specifying on the ticket or receipt of payment the charge levied, or even using a stamp;
 - c) send communication within 15 days of the end of each month, using the form provided by the Municipality, containing the relevant data for the Administration as identified by a resolution of the Municipal Executive, which will also determine how this data should be sent in compliance with the rules on privacy as laid down in Regulation (EU) No. 679/2016 and Legislative Decree No. 196 of 30 June 2003, as amended by Legislative Decree No. 101 of 10 August 2018, and subsequent amendments;
 - d) pay the amounts collected in accordance with the terms and conditions specified in Article 9;
 - e) send the Municipality any communications/documentation received in relation to any liable persons claiming exclusions, exemptions or reductions in the visitor charge.

Payment of the money collected

1. Carriers required to collect payment of the visitor charge for entry into the old City of the Municipality of Venice or the minor lagoon islands must pay the amounts collected to the Municipality of Venice within the 15th day of the 2nd month following the month in which the money was collected by bank transfer or any other form of payment activated by the Municipal Administration.

Article 10

Direct collection of the visitor charge by the Municipality of Venice

1. Pursuant to the provisions of Article 4, paragraph 3-bis of Legislative Decree No. 23 of 14 March 2011, considering the particular means of access to the old City of the Municipality of Venice and the minor lagoon islands: a) persons liable who board or use non-scheduled means of public transport at the piers and boarding points located in (i) the Municipality of Cavallino - Treporti, (ii) the Municipality of Chioggia, (iii) Marco Polo Airport at Tessera, (iv) the Fusina Terminal, (v) San Giuliano; b) persons liable who enter Piazzale Roma using non-scheduled means of public transport and in any case c) where the carrier is not required to issue a receipt proving a charge has been made for transportation, the Municipality of Venice, or any third party specifically delegated by the Municipality, may collect the visitor charge directly upon the signing of an agreement with the carrier involved subsequent to approval by the Municipal Executive. In this case, persons liable, as identified pursuant to Article 3 of this Regulation, must pay the visitor charge directly to the Municipality of Venice and/or any third party delegated by the Municipality, thereby freeing the carrier of its obligations under Articles 8 and 9 of this Regulation.

Provisions regarding inspections and checks

- 1. The Municipal Administration may use all legally-available means to carry out inspections regarding the application and payment of the visitor charge, as well as presentation of the relevant declarations, so as to recover amounts due as a result of evasion or avoidance, and in particular:
 - a) ask persons liable and carriers required to collect payment of the visitor charge to show or send papers and documents;
 - a) submit questionnaires concerning data and information of a specific nature to carriers required to collect payment of the visitor charge, inviting them to return the questionnaires completed and signed;
 - b) carry out inspections and checks using staff authorised to carry out such inspections and checks.
 - 2. For the carrying out of inspections and checks regarding the visitor charge the provisions in Article 1, paragraphs 158-170 of Law No. 296 of 27 December 2006 shall apply.

Article 12

Fiscal and administrative fines and penalties

- Infringements of this Regulation are punished by administrative fines and penalties imposed in accordance with the general principles set out, in the field of fiscal fines and penalties, in Legislative Decrees Nos. 471, 472 and 473 of 18 December 1997, in addition to the specific provisions contained in this Article.
- Failure of carriers required to collect payment of the visitor charge to submit the declaration, or the submission of incomplete or inaccurate declarations is punished with an administrative penalty of between 100 and 200% of the amount due.
- 3. Failure to pay, late payment or partial payment of the visitor charge by carriers required to collect this payment is punished with an administrative penalty of 30% pursuant to Article 13 of Legislative Decree No. 471 of 18 December 1997, and subsequent amendments. For all matters not expressly covered in this Article, Article 1, paragraphs 158-170 of Law No. 296 of 27 December 2006 shall apply.
- 4. Any person liable to pay the visitor charge shall be punished with a fine pursuant to Article 7-bis of Legislative Decree No. 267 of 18 August 2000, here set at between Euro 100.00 and Euro 450.00 when the person: (i) fails to pay the visitor charge; (ii) issues false statements in order to obtain exclusions, exemptions or reductions in the visitor charge as provided for in this Regulation, or (iii) violates any other provision contained in this Regulation.
- Interest will be applied to any amounts due for the payment of the visitor charge pursuant to Article 1, paragraph 165 of Law No. 296 of 27 December 2006.
- 6. Pursuant to Article 76 of Decree No. 445 of the President of the Republic of 28 December 2000, whoever issues false statements, falsifies documents or uses such documents in the cases referred / this Regulation pursuant to Articles 46 or 47 of Decree No. 445 of the President of the Republic of 28 December 2000, shall be punished under the Criminal

Code and specific legislation on the matter. Showing a document that contains incorrect information is the same as using false documents. The sworn declarations envisaged by this Regulation, made pursuant to Articles 46 and 47, are considered as being made before a public official.

Article 13

Enforced recovery

1. Should the amounts owed, calculated by the Administration as regards the visitor charge, penalties and interest accrued, not be paid by the due date indicated in the document served, they shall be forcibly recovered in accordance with the current legislation relating to fiscal matters.

Article 14

Refunds

- Persons liable may request the refund of amounts paid that were not due within 5 years of the day on which the payment was made or of the day on which definitive entitlement to a refund was established.
- Where the amount paid by a carrier in relation to the visitor charge was greater than the amount collected from persons liable, the carrier is entitled to request a refund under provisions governing the payment of amounts not due pursuant to Article 2033 of the Civil Code.
- 3. Persons liable shall not be entitled to a refund pursuant to Article 3 where the travel documents issued do not contain their names.

Transitional provisions

- 1. For the first application of the visitor charge, and solely for the year 2019, the following transitional provisions have been established:
- (i) By derogation from the provisions of Articles 6 and 7 of this Regulation, the visitor charge is set at €3 for every day of the year 2019.
- (ii) By derogation from the provisions of Article 3, paragraph 2 of this Regulation, when payment of the visitor charge is included in the cost of a travel document that is valid for more than 24 hours, access will be granted for as long as the travel document is valid.
- (iii) Persons liable who enter the old City with carriers who have fulfilled their obligation as regards the payment of the Municipality of Venice's ZTL BUS pursuant to Municipal Executive resolution No. 92 of 22 May 2002 and subsequent resolutions of the Municipal Committee of application are exempted from payment of the visitor charge.

Article 16

Entry into force

- 1. This Regulation shall enter into force on the 15th day following its publication and after the rules for its implementation have been established by a Municipal Executive resolution.
- 2. The obligations for taxable persons and the carriers will start from the 1st of Septemebr 2019.

Appendix 1

Old city of Venice





Appendix 2

List of the minor islands:

- 1. Venice Lido (including Alberoni and Malamocco)
- 2. Pellestrina
- 3. Murano
- 4. Burano
- 5. Torcello
- 6. Sant Erasmo
- 7. Mazzorbo
- 8. Mazzorbetto
- 9. Vignole
- 10. Sant'Andrea
- 11. Monte dell'Oro
- 12. Santa Cristina
- 13. La Cura
- 14. Sant'Ariano
- 15. La Salina
- 16. Buel del Lovo
- 17. La Certosa
- 18. Batteria Carbonera
- 19. Madonna del Monte
- 20. Crevan
- 21. San Francesco del Deserto
- 22. Tessera
- 23. San Giacomo in Paludo
- 24. Island of San Giuliano
- 25. Island of Campalto
- 26. Lazzareto Nuovo
- 27. San Secondo
- 28. Trezze
- 29. San Giorgio in Alga
- 30. Santa Maria delle Grazie
- 31. San Servolo
- 32. San Clemente
- 33. San Lazzaro degli Armeni
- 34. Sant'Angelo delle Polveri
- 35. Sacca Sessola
- 36. Lazzaretto Vecchio
- 37. Santo Spirito
- 38. Campana Podo
- 39. Poveglia
- 40. Ex Poveglia
- 41. Batteria Fisolo
- 42. Ottagono Abbandonato
- 43. Ottagono Alberoni
- 44. Ottagono San Pietro
- 45. Ottagono Ca'Roman

- 46. Cason Montiron
- 47. Motta dei Cunicci
- 48. Motta San Lorenzo
- 49. Faro Spignon.