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Article 1
Scope

1. This Regulation is implemented in compliance with Article 52 of Italian Legislative Decree dated December 15 1997, number 446, and its subsequent amendments.
2. This regulation institutes and regulates the Access Fee specified in Article 4, paragraph 3-bis of Italian Legislative Decree dated March 14 2011, number 23, which is applicable, in compliance with Article 1, paragraph 1129 of Italian Law dated December 30 2018, number 145, in relation to entry to the Historic City of the Municipality of Venice and the other minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon, to the maximum amount specified in Article 14, paragraph 16, letter e), of Italian Decree Law dated May 31 2010, number 78, converted, with amendments, by Italian Law dated July 30 2010, number 122.
3. The revenues generated by the levy are designed to finance the measures listed in the Article mentioned above 4, paragraph 3-bis of Italian Legislative Decree dated March 14 2011, number 23.
4. Implementing the Access Fee in the modalities established by this measure fulfils additional functions to regulate tourist flows in the territorial reference area.

Article 2
Presupposition of the Access Fee

1. In compliance with Article 1, paragraph 1129 of Italian Law dated December 30 2018, number 145, the prerequisite for the contribution is access, with or without a carrier, to the Historic City of the Municipality of Venice and the other minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon.
In the context of the present Regulation, the perimeter of the Historic City of Venice is identified in the Homogeneous Territorial Area number 1, "Historic City of Venice", as referred to in the Regional Planning Scheme implemented by the City Council of Venice with resolution number 5 dated January 30-31 2012, which was approved by the conference of administrative services between the Municipality of Venice and the Province of Venice, concluded on September 30 2014, and ratified by Resolution number 128 of the Provincial Council of Venice dated October 10 2014, the plan of which is illustrated in Annex sub 1 of this Regulation.
In the framework of this Regulation, the "minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon" are defined as and listed in Annex sub 2 of this Regulation.
2. For the purpose of implementing this Regulation, a carrier is defined as any entity, whether public or private, which provides passenger transport services for commercial purposes, including but not limited to:
a) Shipping companies, including cruise lines and any other ship operator duly registered with the North Adriatic Sea Port Authority;
b) Railway carriers;
c) Carriers providing scheduled public land and waterborne transport services;
d) Carriers operating non-scheduled public transport such as, for example, coaches, hired vehicles with drivers, taxis, including water taxis, and the so-called "Lancioni GranTurismo" vessels;
e) Air carriers operating general aviation passenger transport services and landing at the "G. Nicelli" airport of Venice Lido.

**Article 3**

**Individuals charged with the Access Fee**

1. The Access Fee is charged as an alternative to the tourist tax established in Article 4, paragraph 1 of Italian Legislative Decree dated 14.03.2011, number 23. It has to be paid, according to the modalities established in the present Regulation, by any individual who enters the Historic City of the Municipality of Venice or the other minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon, apart from the exclusions or exemptions specified in Articles 4 and 5 below.

2. The Access Fee payment is the same for entry to the Historic City of the Municipality of Venice and to the other minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon. Therefore, the Access Fee paid for entry to the Historic City of the Municipality of Venice is also valid for entry to the minor islands of the Lagoon and vice versa.

3. Individuals charged with the payment of the Access Fee are required to hold and present the documents proving the payment of the Access Fee or the status of exclusion or exemption to the authorities designated by the Municipality to carry out the inspection activities.

**Article 4**

**Exclusions**

1. The payment of the Access Fee is not required from the individuals identified in Article 4, paragraph 3-bis of Italian Legislative Decree dated March 14 2011, number 23, more specifically these subjects are as follows:
   a) Residents of the Municipality of Venice;
   b) Workers, including commuters:
      - Employees who work, permanently or on a temporary basis, in the Historic City of the Municipality of Venice or the other minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon;
      - Independent professionals or entrepreneurs, having their place of business or domicile in the Historic City of the Municipality of Venice or the other minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon;
      - Employees or self-employed workers and equivalent workers or entrepreneurs who enter the Historic City of the Municipality of Venice or the other minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon for work purposes;
   c) Students, including commuters, attending schools of all levels and grades, universities and post-graduate institutes that have their premises in the Historic City of the Municipality of Venice or the other minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon;
   d) persons and members of the households of individuals proven to have paid the Municipal Property Tax (Imposta Municipale Unica - IMU) in the Municipality of Venice.

2. The individuals excluded from the payment of the Access Fee under this Article are required to prove their status through an appropriate self-certification, a certificate, or a declaration issued by the individual in...
question or by third parties in compliance with the operational procedures established by the Resolution of the Municipal Council, in accordance with the privacy regulations provided for in EU Regulation 679/2016 and Italian Legislative Decree dated June 30 2003, number 196, as amended by Italian Legislative Decree dated August 10 2018, number 101 and its subsequent amendments.

3. The guidelines stipulated in Article 5, paragraph 3 of the present Regulation are applicable for the purposes of the preceding paragraph, with the exclusion for residents of the Municipality of Venice of the last paragraph, since simplified methods of demonstrating the status of exclusion have to be established for this category.

**Article 5**

**Exemptions**

1. The following individuals are exempt from paying the Access Fee:
   a) Individuals staying in the accommodation facilities referred to in Article 2 of the Tourist Tax Regulations of the Municipality of Venice located within the territory of the Municipality of Venice and providing temporary paid accommodation for any reason, insofar as they are subject to the tourist tax referred to in Article 4, paragraph 1 of Italian Legislative Decree dated March 14 2011, number 23; this exemption is recognised from the day of arrival to the day of departure at the accommodation facility;
   b) Residents recorded in the temporary population register referred to in Article 32 of Italian Presidential Decree dated May 30 1989, number 223;
   c) Persons born in the Municipality of Venice;
   d) Residents of the Metropolitan City of Venice;
   e) Residents of the Veneto Region;
   f) children under the age of 14;
   g) Persons with disabilities whose condition is certified in accordance with the Italian legislation in force, pursuant to article 3, paragraph 3, of the Italian law dated February 5 1992, number 104, or similar international legislation, as well as any person accompanying them;
   h) Individuals undergoing treatment or who need to undergo a medical examination at health facilities located in the Historic City of the Municipality of Venice and the other minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon;
   i) individuals assisting or accompanying patients to health facilities located in the Historic City of the Municipality of Venice and the other minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon;
   j) individuals entering the Historic City of the Municipality of Venice and the other minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon in order to participate in sports competitions recognised by the Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI), its Federations, or Sports Promotion Agencies;
   k) individuals who access the Historic City of the Municipality of Venice and the other minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon using public transport lines operated explicitly for the exclusive transport to the sports facility in order to participate in the relative sports competition;
   l) public administrators and public authorities who visit the Historic City of the Municipality of Venice and the other minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon for official purposes;
m) volunteers who provide their service in the Historic City of the Municipality of Venice and the other minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon on the occasion of events and/or shows organised or sponsored by the Municipal Administration and in those organised by the Metropolitan City of Venice and by the Veneto Region, identified by a resolution of the Municipal Council;

n) volunteers who provide their service in the Historic City of the Municipality of Venice and the other minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon in case of emergencies;

o) participants in paid events organised by the Municipal Administration or sponsored by the Municipal Administration identified by Resolution of the Municipal Council;

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q) members of the Armed Forces and the Police Forces, including staff belonging to the National Fire Brigade Corps, who enter the Historic City of Venice and the other minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon for service requirements;

r) Tenants and their registry household members living in a building located in the Municipality of Venice, provided that they hold a lease for non-tourist use;

s) Persons visiting prisons or detention centres located in the Historic City of Venice;

t) A spouse, civil partner, cohabiting partner under the terms of Article 1, paragraph 37 of Italian Law dated May 20 2016, number 76, relatives or relatives-in-law up to the 3rd degree of relation of residents in the Historic City of the Municipality of Venice or the minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon;

u) A spouse, civil partner, cohabiting partner under the terms of Article 1, paragraph 37 of Italian Law dated May 20 2016, number 76, relatives or relatives-in-law up to the 3rd degree of relation of a deceased person, attending the funeral of the deceased which is scheduled to take place in the Historic City of the Municipality of Venice or the minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon;

v) A spouse, civil partner, cohabiting partner under the terms of Article 1, paragraph 37 of Italian Law dated May 20 2016, number 76, relatives or relatives-in-law up to the 3rd degree of relation visiting patients in social care facilities located in the Historic City of the Municipality of Venice or the minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon;

w) Parties involved in judicial proceedings and persons summoned for reasons of justice or other reasons of public interest to public or judicial offices located in the Historic City of the Municipality of Venice or the minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon;

x) Individuals who exclusively access the areas of Ponte della Liberta', P.le Roma, Stazione Marittima and Isola Nova del Tronchetto, limited to the time they remain in these areas;

y) Individuals visiting persons residing in the Historic City of the Municipality of Venice or the minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon or individuals recorded in the temporary population register with residence in the Historic City of the Municipality of Venice or the minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon;

z) Any other temporary accesses, provided they are not for tourist
activities, as authorised by a resolution of the Municipal Council;
aa) upper secondary school students on an educational trip or visit;
ab) individuals who are required to travel to the Municipality of Venice to participate in elections or referendums.

2. The individuals who are exempt from the payment of the Access Fee in compliance with this Article are required to prove their exemption status using the relevant self-certification, certifications or declarations made by themselves or by third parties based on the operating procedures established by the Resolution of the Municipal Council, in conformity with the privacy regulations specified in EU Regulation 679/2016 and in Italian Legislative Decree dated June 30 2003, number 196, as amended by Italian Legislative Decree dated August 10 2018, number 101 and its subsequent amendments.

3. Given the objective, which is of overriding public interest of the present Regulation, the measure issued by the Municipal Council referred to in paragraph 2 must comply with the following guidelines:
   - As a result of the fiscal nature of the legal provision implemented by this Regulation, inspection activities must be functional to ensure effectiveness and equality of treatment with respect to the prescribed requirements;
   - Criteria of ease of access, immediacy and certainty in the inspection processes must govern the formalities and operations required to manage the Access Fee procedures;
   - The collection of the necessary data, without prejudice to the proportionality between the information provided and the purpose for which it is to be used, must be regulated, taking into account the need to minimise the processing and reduce the retention period to what is strictly necessary for the verification activity;
   - Constant supervision of the performance of the management of exemption procedures, as well as of the execution and collection of payments, must be ensured, the results of which have to be periodically submitted to the Municipality administration for review;
   - Given the purpose specified in the preceding point, the management of exemption cases must be implemented by means of computerised methods similar to the reservation of the Access Fee.

Article 6
Extent and validity of the Access Fee

1. The extent of the Access Fee to the Historic City of the Municipality of Venice and the other minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon is established by a Resolution of the Municipal Council within the framework of the limitations specified in Article 14, Paragraph 16, letter e), of Italian Decree-Law dated May 31 2010, number 78, converted with amendments by Italian Law dated July 30 2010, number 122, and in conformity with the provisions of the following paragraphs.

2. In view of the complementary effects of the Access Fee for the purposes of regulating tourist flows and planning public services, the Municipal Council may establish the following in determining the extent of the Access Fee:
   a) The identification of daily admissions thresholds, also differentiated
throughout the year and/or by exemption categories, above which the ordinary amount of the Access Fee may be increased;
b) the identification of individual days or periods of the year during which the Access Fee or a different measure of the Access Fee is applicable;
c) the identification of time slots during the day in which the Access Fee is not charged;
d) the identification of specific time periods in which the Access Fee is not charged in relation to entry to specific minor islands in the Venetian Lagoon;
e) establishing different rates of the Access Fee depending on the time lapse between the payment of the Access Fee and the planned entry into the restricted areas of the Municipality of Venice.
3. In the application of the method identified in the preceding paragraph 2, letter a), the Municipal Council is required to comply with the following criteria:
a) To determine the number of accesses to be counted against the maximum daily access threshold, accesses by persons obliged to pay the Access Fee and accesses by fully exempt individuals or by persons benefiting from specific exemption categories referred to in Article 5 are counted;
b) Implementing the necessary and appropriate information tools to indicate and display the number of standard Access Fee tickets still available before the daily threshold of tourist admissions is reached, which results in the imposition of a higher Access Fee than the standard tariff.
4. Given the distinctive and specific methods of access, the individuals entering the Historic City of Venice and the minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon as part of a cruise, even in the case of the application of the circumstances referred to in paragraph 2, letter a) above, are required to pay the Access Fee at the standard rate determined for the day of access. The Municipal Council is entitled to determine a lump-sum rate for these individuals, subject to the signing, with the relevant carriers and/or with the North Adriatic Sea Port System Authority, of an agreement which regulates the terms and conditions of their cooperation, also by means of communication to passengers, in order to promote a sustainable and informed tourism experience in the City of Venice, according to a scheme approved by a specific resolution of the Municipal Council. In any case, access by cruise ships is charged to calculate the threshold specified in letter a) of paragraph 2 of this Article.
5. The ticket used as proof of payment of the Access Fee is valid until midnight of the day indicated on the ticket itself, and it must bear the name and surname of the individual charged with the payment without prejudice to any special cases identified by the Municipal Council in the annual determination of tariffs and/or the sales system.
6. Without prejudice to the sanctions provided for in Article 12 below, the amount of the Access Fee payable by individuals who enter the Historic City of Venice and the minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon without paying the standard Access Fee is EUR 10.00.

Article 7
Reductions

1. In order to promote sustainable and responsible tourism and the
adoption of good practices in the tourism sector, and given the role played by the City of Venice in the tourism system of the Veneto Region, the Municipal Council may grant a reduction of up to 50% of the Access Fee to individuals staying in accommodation establishments managed on a commercial basis outside the Municipality of Venice but within the territory of the Veneto Region.

2. The reduction referred to in paragraph 1 above is subject to the stipulation of appropriate agreements to be signed between the Municipality of Venice, the individual accommodation facilities and the other Municipalities involved and where the accommodation facility is located. The agreements have to be based on a model scheme approved by the Municipal Council, which has to define the modalities of collaboration, including by means of information aimed at promoting the sustainability of the tourist services, subject to the control and supervision exercised by the Municipality of Venice.

3. The reduction referred to in the preceding paragraph 1 may not be granted for accesses exceeding the daily threshold in the event of the application of Article 6, paragraph 2, letter a).

4. The Municipal Council nevertheless reserves the right to identify conditions and circumstances for which the application of the reduction referred to in paragraph 1 above is not applied.

5. Purchasing of the proof of payment of the reduced Access Fee under the conditions of this Article may be effected in compliance with the procedures established by the Municipal Council in order to guarantee the legitimacy of the individual staying at the accommodation facility to purchase the reduced Access Fee.

Article 8

Direct collection of the Access Fee by the Municipality

1. In compliance with Article 4, paragraph 3 bis, of Italian Legislative Decree dated March 14 2011, number 23, the Access Fee is collected by the carriers in addition to the charges for transport, which is in any case defined according to the provisions of Article 9 of this Regulation.

2. The provisions specified in paragraph 1 exclusively apply to entries to the Historic City of Venice and the minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon with the following types of Carriers:

- Carriers providing public land and waterborne transport services;
- Railway carriers;
- Shipping companies, including cruise lines, and any other ship operator duly registered with the North Adriatic Sea Port Authority which have not subscribed to the agreement referred to in Article 6, paragraph 4 or in the event of the absence of the subscription of the agreement with the North Adriatic Sea Port Authority referred to in the same Article 6, paragraph 4;
- Air carriers operating general aviation passenger transport services and landing at the "G. Nicelli" airport of Venice Lido, subject to the provisions of paragraph 4 below.

3. Subject to the provisions of paragraph 4 below, if the Carrier is not included among the ones listed in paragraph 2 and in the case of entry without a carrier, the Access Fee is directly levied by the Municipality of Venice.
4. If entry is provided by the Carriers referred to in paragraph 2, the Access Fee may be collected directly by the Municipality of Venice subject to the conclusion of an agreement with the Carrier. The agreement establishes the methods and procedures under which the Carrier is required to inform passengers of their obligation to pay the Access Fee. The outline of the agreement referred to in this paragraph is subject to approval by a specific resolution issued by the Municipal Council.

5. The direct collection of the Access Fee may also be contracted out to "in-house" companies of the Municipality of Venice.

6. The sale of the tickets for the Access Fee to individuals charged must be effected in compliance with the approved tariffs under the provisions of Article 1, paragraph 169, of Italian Law dated December 27 2006, number 296, and Article 13, paragraph 15-quater of Italian Decree Law dated December 6 2011, number 201, converted, with amendments, by Italian Law dated December 22 2011, number 214 and Article 3, paragraph 2 of Italian Law dated July 27 2000, number 212.

7. The identification of the methods for collecting the Access Fee will be approved by the Municipal Council either by the resolution determining the tariffs or by another specific and relevant resolution.

Article 9
Collection of the Access Fee by the Carrier combined with the price of a transport fare

1. The Carriers obliged to collect Access Fee payments under the conditions of this Article are responsible for the payment of the amounts collected to the Municipality of Venice, with the right of recourse against the individuals charged with the Access Fee. The carriers obliged to collect the contribution are also obliged to make the declaration required by Article 4, paragraph 3-bis of Italian Legislative Decree dated March 14 2011, number 23, no later than February 28 of each year. The content of the declaration and the operating procedures for its submission are established by resolution of the Municipal Council.

2. In addition, the carriers obliged to collect the payment of the Access Fee are obliged to perform the following actions:

a) Using all the required means, including computerised or telematic solutions, provide all the necessary information to all the individuals charged with the Access Fee: the obligation of payment, the amount, the deadlines and procedures for payment;

b) collect Access Fee payments, together with the price of the transport fare or other equivalent payment, and issue a receipt for the collection of such payment, which may also be stamped on the ticket or on the payment receipt;

c) submit a notice, using the form provided by the Municipality, within the fifteen days following the end of the month, containing the data relevant for the Administration to be determined by a resolution of the Municipal Council, which is also designed to regulate the methods of communication, in compliance with the privacy regulations specified in Italian Legislative Decree dated June 30 2003, number 196, EU Regulation 679/2016 and Italian Legislative Decree dated August 10 2018, number 101 and its subsequent amendments;
d) remit the collected Access Fee payments to the Municipality under the terms and conditions specified in Article 10 below;
e) Promptly transmit to the Municipality any notices/documents received in relation to any instances of exclusion, exemption, or reduction of the Access Fee for individuals transported who are charged with the payment of the Access Fee.

**Article 10**

**Payment of the Access Fee by the Carrier**

1. The Carrier responsible for the collection of the Access Fee payments, according to Article 9 above, transfers to the Municipality of Venice any sum collected as Access Fees to the Historic City of Venice and the other minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon by the fifteenth day of the second month following the month of the levy, by bank transfer or other methods activated by the Municipality.

**Article 11**

**Provisions governing inspection and controls**

1. For the purposes of exercising inspection activities on the implementation and payment of the Access Fee, as well as on the submission of declarations, the Municipal Administration may use the tools prescribed by legislation for the recovery of evasion and avoidance, specifically:
   a) Inviting individuals charged with the Access Fee and carriers obliged to collect the Access Fee payments to submit or transmit securities, deeds and documents, including in digital format;
   b) Sending questionnaires for specific data and information to the carriers collecting Access Fees, with a request to return these documents fully completed and signed;
   c) performing checks, inspections and on-site verification activities conducted by authorised staff, including in the form of individual inspections in public areas.

For the purposes of Access Fee inspection and control activities, the provisions of Article 1, paragraphs 158 to 170, of Italian Law dated December 27 2006, number 296 are applied.

**Article 12**

**Administrative and tax sanctions**

1. Violations of any of the provisions of the present Regulation are subject to the administrative sanctions applied based on the general principles established, with regard to tax sanctions, by Italian Legislative Decrees dated December 18 1997, numbers 471, 472, 473, and also in compliance with the provisions of Article 4, paragraph 3 bis of Italian Legislative Decree dated March 14 2011, number 23 as well as the provisions of this Article.

2. The monetary administrative sanction established under Article 7-bis of Italian Legislative Decree dated August 18 2000, number 267, is applicable to each individual liable for the Access Fee, which is determined in this Regulation in the amount of EUR 50.00 to EUR 300.00. This
sanction is enforced in the following circumstances:
(i) failure to provide proof of payment of the Access Fee or of the condition for exclusion or exemption, or the use of a ticket on a date different from the date of its validity, to the authorities designated by the Municipality to carry out inspection activities; (ii) providing false statements in order to obtain exclusions, exemptions or reductions of the Access Fee as established in this Regulation, as well as (iii) the breach of any other provision established in the present Regulation.

3. In compliance with Article 76 of Italian Presidential Decree dated December 28 2000, number 445, any individual who issues untrue declarations, produce ideologically or materially false documents or makes use of them in the cases provided for by the present Regulation according to Article 46 or 47 of Italian Presidential Decree dated December 28 2000, number 445, is subject to sanctions under the Italian Criminal Code and under the specific laws governing this area. The presentation of a document containing information that no longer corresponds to the truth is equivalent to the use of a false document. Substitute declarations provided for by this Regulation, issued under Articles 46 and 47, are considered as documents submitted to a Public Officer.

**Article 13**
**Enforced collection**

1. The sums established by the Municipal Administration relating to the Access Fee, sanctions, and interest, if not paid by the deadline indicated in a notification, are levied by enforcement in compliance with the tax legislation in force.

**Article 14**
**Refunds**

1. No refund is made for amounts of EUR 10.00 or less for each individual paying the Access Fee, except for the conditions specified in paragraphs 3 and 4 below.
2. Refunds requested up to the day before the date of validity of the Access Fee are granted by cancelling the relevant ticket using the methods specified in the specific sales system.
3. If Article 6, paragraph 2, letter a), the limit referred to in paragraph 1 is reduced to EUR 2.90 for refunds requested by midnight of the fourth day before the ticket validity date to be refunded.
4. If the application of Article 6, paragraph 2, letter a) does not apply, the refund limit referred to in paragraph 1 is reduced to EUR 2.90, irrespective of the date the refund request was submitted.
5. Refunds requested starting from the date of validity of the ticket, which must in any case be presented within the time limits provided for by Article 1, paragraph 164 of Italian Law dated December 27 2006, number 296, are granted on condition that the non-entry to the Historic City of Venice and/or to the minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon is proved, according to the procedures established by the Municipal Council to simplify the fulfilment of the obligations for taxpayers.
6. If the Access Fee paid by the Carrier exceeds the amount actually
collected from the passengers, the Carrier is entitled to claim the refund in compliance with the rules governing the payment of undue sums under Article 2033 of the Italian Civil Code.

**Article 15**

**Systems of inspection and control**

1. In consideration of the obligation of inspecting both the fulfilment of payment obligations by the individuals charged with the Access Fee as well as the execution of the exclusion/exemption conditions, the Municipal Council is entitled to establish specific systems of inspection, including electronic and/or automatic methods, for selected access areas to the Historic City of Venice and/or to the minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon.

**Article 16**

**Effective date**

1. This Regulation is effective from the fifteenth day following its publication, and a resolution of the Municipal Council stipulates its implementing rules.
2. The equivalent Regulation approved by the resolution of the Municipal Council number 11 dated 26.02.2019 and its subsequent amendments is repealed.
3. The obligations to be fulfilled by the individuals subject to the Access Fee and by the carriers are effective, taking into account the time limit specified in Article 13, paragraph 15-quater of Italian Decree-Law dated December 6 2011, number 201.
Annex 2

List of the minor islands of the Venetian Lagoon:
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. S. Andrea
11. La Certosa
12. S. Servolo
13. S. Clemente
14. Poveglia
15. Sacca Sessola