

SUMMARY

JUNITA AULA NINGSIH **IMPLEMENTATION OF LAW NUMBER 18 OF 2008 CONCERNING WASTE MANAGEMENT IN THE GELUGUR MARKET, RANTAU PRAPAT, LABUHANBATU.**
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Waste management at Gelugur Market, Rantau Prapat, still causes various problems, such as waste accumulation that disrupts the activities of traders and visitors. Law Number 18 of 2008 on Waste Management, particularly Articles 22 and 23, grants authority and responsibility to local governments to formulate policies and implement environmentally sound waste management. However, waste management at Gelugur Market has not been optimally implemented, resulting in a discrepancy between legal provisions and their application in practice. Based on these conditions, this study aims to identify and analyze the challenges and solutions faced by the Rantau Prapat City Government in implementing waste management, as well as to examine the efforts undertaken to prevent waste accumulation at Gelugur Market, Rantau Prapat, Labuhanbatu.

This research employs an empirical juridical method. The study was conducted at Gelugur Market, Labuhanbatu. Data sources consist of primary data obtained through interviews with market managers, traders, local residents, and officials of the Environmental Agency. Data collection was carried out through library research and field studies, while data analysis was conducted qualitatively.

The results show that the challenges faced by the Rantau Prapat City Government in implementing waste management in accordance with Law Number 18 of 2008 include limited facilities and infrastructure, inadequate human resources, low awareness among traders and the community, and weak supervision and law enforcement, causing the implementation to remain suboptimal. Meanwhile, efforts to prevent waste accumulation have been undertaken through the formulation of local policies, improvement of waste transportation facilities and systems, coordination with the Environmental Agency, and socialization and education on waste management based on the principles of Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle (3R).

It is recommended that the Rantau Prapat City Government strengthen waste management at Gelugur Market by enhancing supervision and ensuring that waste collection vehicles operate optimally to prevent accumulation. In addition, education on the 3R principles for traders and the community should be intensified, accompanied by the enforcement of administrative sanctions and periodic evaluation of Regional Regulation No. 3 of 2019 to ensure alignment with Law No. 18 of 2008 and effective implementation.

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