

EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP

RESOLUTION NO. 2017 - 28

A RESOLUTION FOR NO SMOKING SIGNS IN EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP PARKS

PURPOSE

In order promote the health of the residents of East Lampeter Township, and the conservation of our natural resources no smoking signs should be posted where they will do the most good.

WHEREAS

The East Lampeter Township Ordinance 293 Regulating Park Use, Section 3 states,

It shall be unlawful for any person to do any of the acts hereinafter described within the limits of any park:

(n) Smoke in restrooms or any areas where forbidden by signs.

WHEREAS

Exposure to secondhand smoke has been estimated to result in at least 38,000 annual deaths in the United States and over one million illnesses in children. (1)

Secondhand smoke contains more than 250 chemicals known to be toxic or carcinogenic (cancer-causing), including formaldehyde, benzene, vinyl chloride, arsenic, ammonia, and hydrogen cyanide. The Environmental Protection Agency classifies secondhand smoke, as a class A carcinogen; a substance known to cause cancer in humans and many serious illnesses in children including asthma, respiratory infections and cardiovascular disease. (2)

WHEREAS

Children who are exposed to secondhand smoke are inhaling many of the same cancer-causing substances as smokers.

There is no risk-free level of secondhand smoke exposure. Even brief exposures can be harmful. The only way to fully protect yourself and your loved ones from the dangers of secondhand smoke is through 100% smoke -free environments. (3)

WHEREAS

Cigarette butts are the most littered item in the world with an overall littering rate for cigarette butts being 65% and comprising 38% of all U.S. roadway litter. (4)

WHEREAS

Butt waste is not biodegradable: Filters are non-biodegradable, and while ultraviolet rays from the sun will eventually break them into smaller pieces, the toxic material never disappears. (5)

WHEREAS

Butt waste is toxic: Cigarette butts leach organic chemicals and heavy metals into the environment that are toxic to fresh and salt-water fish. They are poisonous when ingested by children and other living organisms. (5)


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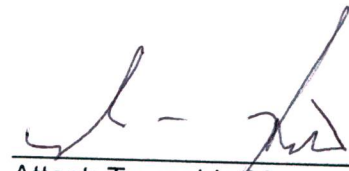
That the East Lampeter Township Park Board is directed to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for locations of No Smoking signs in each Township Park.

RESOLVED

This fourth day of December, 2017 by the East Lampeter Township Board of Supervisors.

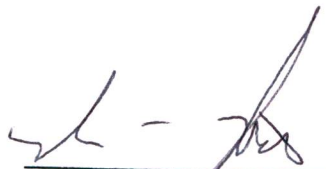
EAST LAMPETER TOWNSHIP  
Board of Supervisors

  
Chairman

  
Attest: Township Manager

I, Ralph M. Hutchison, duly qualified Secretary of East Lampeter Township of Lancaster County, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the East Lampeter Township Board of Supervisors at a regular meeting held December 4, 2017 and said Resolution has been recorded in the minutes of East Lampeter Township and remains in effect as of this date.

In witness thereof, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the East Lampeter Township, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

  
Ralph M. Hutchison  
Township Manager / Secretary

REFERENCES

- 1) National Cancer Institute. Health Effects of Exposure to Environmental Tobacco Smoke: The Report of the California Environmental Protection Agency. Smoking and Tobacco Control Monograph no. 10. Bethesda, MD. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute, NIH Pub. No. 99-4645, 1999
- 2) PA Department of Health: Young Lungs at Play Facts Sheet. 2014
- 3) The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke: A Report of the Surgeon General June 27, 2006
- 4) Litter in America" 2009 KAB Research.
- 5) The Environmental Impact of Cigarette Butt Waste: Just the Facts.  
<http://www.cigwaste.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/01/cbpp-just-the-facts.pdf>