

TOWN OF HERNDON, VIRGINIA

RESOLUTION

JULY 8, 2014

Resolution- to Implement Voluntary Smoke Free Play Zones in Town Parks and Play Areas.

WHEREAS, smoking increases risk for disease, disability and death for smokers and those who are exposed to second-hand smoke throughout their life; and

WHEREAS, children exposed to even small amounts of secondhand smoke are at a heightened risk for adverse health effects; and

WHEREAS, discarded cigarette butts constitute the majority of litter on beaches, parks, playgrounds, and sidewalks, causing pollution and degradation of our streams, lakes and rivers; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership for a Healthier Fairfax Community Health Status Assessment found that 20 percent of Fairfax County residents listed tobacco use as the most important health-related issue for this community; and

WHEREAS, by encouraging tobacco free play zones the Town aims to reduce the normalcy and social acceptability of smoking behaviors and encourage the role modeling of healthy behaviors; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Herndon and the Fairfax County Park Authority mutually and separately operate parks within the Town of Herndon, and the Fairfax County Park Authority proclaimed children's play areas as voluntary Smoke Free Play Zones;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Town Council of the Town of Herndon, Virginia that:

1. Voluntary Smoke Free Play Zones within 10 yards of the town's outdoor public children's playground equipment, skate parks and sporting venues during organized underage sporting events, including training or practice sessions and during breaks or intervals in play, shall be adopted and signed accordingly calling for voluntary nonsmoking.
2. This resolution is not an ordinance; and does not regulate smoking.

This is certified to be a true and accurate copy of Resolution 14-G-59 adopted at a legally convened meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Herndon on July 8, 2014.

Margie Tacci

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