

West Wyoming Borough Resolution No. 3, 2009

A RESOLUTION OF WEST WYOMING BOROUGH PROHIBITING THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN OUTDOOR PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

WHEREAS The Borough of West Wyoming believes that the use of tobacco use in the proximity of children and adults engaging in or watching outdoor recreational activities at Borough owned or operated parks is detrimental to their health and can be offensive to those using such facilities and;

WHEREAS, smoking is responsible for the premature deaths of over 430,000 Americans each year from lung cancer, heart disease, respiratory illness and other diseases; and

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke is responsible for over 50,000 deaths among nonsmokers each year; and

WHEREAS, tobacco kills more Americans each year than alcohol, cocaine, heroin, homicide, and suicide, accidents, fire and AIDS combined; and

WHEREAS, 80% of smokers started smoking before the age of 18, and the average initiation age is 12 years old; and

WHEREAS, everyday an estimated 3,900 young people under the age of 18 try their first cigarette and one-third of these children will die prematurely from tobacco related illnesses; and

WHEREAS, to help role model non-smoking behavior to children and youth; to provide children, youth and their families with a safe, smoke-free environment;

THEREFORE, the Borough of West Wyoming in the State of Pennsylvania resolves that the areas of parks and recreational facilities where children and adults are present in the Borough of West Wyoming be designated tobacco-free.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the West Wyoming Borough Council and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same as follows:

1. Tobacco Use is Prohibited in Outdoor Parks and Recreational Facilities: No person shall use any form of tobacco on any borough owned or operated outdoor park and recreational facilities including the restrooms, concessions and spectator areas.
2. Enforcement:
 - a. Appropriate signage will be posted designating tobacco-free areas.
 - b. All Borough employees shall monitor for compliance.
 - c. Any person found to be violating this policy shall be immediately ejected from the park or recreational facility.
3. Effective Date. The resolution of the tobacco free policy becomes effective immediately upon the date of adoption.

Passed by West Wyoming Borough Council on the 13th day of April, 2009 and signed by the Mayor on the 13th day of April, 2009.



President of Council



Mayor

Attest:



Borough Secretary