



The City of Buffalo Common Council

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Department: Common Council
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ADOPTED

AGENDA ITEM 17-875

City of Buffalo Parks to be Tobacco-Free: Wingo

Whereas, The City of Buffalo acknowledges that second hand tobacco smoke is a threat to the health, safety, and welfare of adults and children; and

Whereas, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has categorized secondhand smoke as a Class A carcinogen, placing it in the same category as asbestos, benzene, and radon;

Whereas, cigarette-butts rank as the most littered item averaging more than 175 million pounds of toxicity annually;

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

Whereas, secondhand smoke is responsible for over 50,000 deaths among non-smokers each year;

Whereas, everyday approximately 3,900 youth try their first cigarette before age 18: 1/3rd of which will die prematurely from tobacco and related illness; and

Whereas, Over 280 municipalities in New York State have reportedly passed regulations restricting tobacco use in outdoor recreational areas including 32 municipalities in Erie and Niagara counties; Now, Therefore Be It

Resolved that The City of Buffalo Common Council-

1) Encourages citizens of the City to cease tobacco use in public parks, playgrounds, picnic areas, sports and playing fields, and other public areas frequented by children.

2) Directs Corporation Counsel to amend the City Code to regulate cigarette refuse, and further directs Corporation Counsel to investigate asking the NYS legislature to grant the City of Buffalo the authority to regulate cigarette use in public parks and other public spaces owned by the City of Buffalo.

HISTORY:

05/16/17 Common Council ADOPTED

Adopted resolves, sent remainder to Committee on Legislation

05/23/17 Legislation Committee TABLED

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07/18/17	Legislation Committee	TABLED	Next: 09/12/17
09/12/17	Legislation Committee	TABLED	Next: 09/26/17
09/26/17	Legislation Committee	TABLED	Next: 10/10/17
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10/24/17	Legislation Committee	TABLED	Next: 11/08/17
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12/05/17	Legislation Committee	TABLED	Next: 12/19/17
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