

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 266

Approved June 14, 2004

WHEREAS, There exists conclusive evidence that tobacco smoke causes cancer, respiratory diseases, cardiovascular diseases, stroke, negative birth outcomes, allergic reactions, and irritations to the eyes, nose, and throat to both the smoker and otherwise healthy nonsmoker exposed to secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2004 advised doctors to alert people with heart problems that secondhand smoke can significantly increase their risk of heart attack. The agency warned that as little as 30 minutes exposure could have a serious and even lethal effect; and

WHEREAS, Nonsmokers with allergies, respiratory disease and those who suffer the ill effects of passive smoking may experience a loss of job productivity or may be forced to take periodic sick leave because of adverse reactions to environmental tobacco smoke; and

WHEREAS, The Surgeon General of the United States reported in 1986 that the simple separation of smokers and nonsmokers within the same air space does not eliminate the exposure of nonsmokers to environmental tobacco smoke; and

WHEREAS, Courts interpreting the Americans with Disabilities Act, which requires that persons with disabilities have access to public places and workplaces, have deemed impaired respiratory function a disability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Providence City Council endorses the efforts of Campaign for a Healthy Rhode Island to pass legislation this session which will eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke in all workplaces statewide.

CITY COUNCIL
JUN 3 2004
READ AND PASSED

Paul B. Gonyea
PRES. ACTING

Michael R. Clement
CLERK

APPROVED

6/14/04

MAYOR

Council President Lombardi, Councilwoman Williams, Councilmen Allen,
Eglewzi, Jackson, Luna, Mancini, Councilwoman Romano, Young



Resolution to Reduce Exposure to Secondhand Smoke in the Workplace

WHEREAS, there exists conclusive evidence that tobacco smoke causes cancer, respiratory diseases, cardiovascular diseases, stroke, negative birth outcomes, allergic reactions, and irritations to the eyes, nose, and throat to both the smoker and otherwise healthy nonsmoker exposed to secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 2004 advised doctors to alert people with heart problems that secondhand smoke can significantly increase their risk of heart attack. The agency warned that as little as 30 minutes exposure could have a serious and even lethal effect.

WHEREAS, nonsmokers with allergies, respiratory disease and those who suffer the ill effects of passive smoking may experience a loss of job productivity or may be forced to take periodic sick leave because of adverse reactions to environmental tobacco smoke; and

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States reported in 1986 that the simple separation of smokers and nonsmokers within the same air space does not eliminate the exposure of nonsmokers to environmental tobacco smoke; and

WHEREAS, Courts interpreting the Americans with Disabilities Act, which requires that persons with disabilities have access to public places and workplaces, have deemed impaired respiratory function a disability.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Providence City Council endorses the ~~Workplace Safety Act and encourages House and Senate leadership~~ ^{efforts of CHRI} to pass legislation this session which will eliminate exposure to secondhand smoke in all workplaces statewide, ~~including restaurants, bars, and gambling facilities.~~

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CITY COUNCIL ROLL CALL
ITEM _____

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT LOMBARDI	✓			
ACTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT				
COUNCILMAN ALLEN	✓			
COUNCILMAN APONTE		✓		
COUNCILMAN BUTLER		✓		
COUNCILMAN DELUCA		✓		
COUNCILWOMAN DIRUZZO	?			
COUNCILMAN HASSETT		✓		
COUNCILMAN IGLIOZZI	✓			
COUNCILMAN JACKSON	✓			
COUNCILMAN LUNA	✓			
COUNCILMAN MANCINI	✓			
COUNCILWOMAN ROMANO	✓	/		
COUNCILMAN SEGAL				
COUNCILWOMAN WILLIAMS	✓			
COUNCILWOMAN YOUNG	✓			

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