

BILL NO.: 3
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AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE, COUNTY OF FAYETTE AND COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, PROHIBITING THE USE OF TOBACCO IN RECREATIONAL AREAS, PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF:

THE MUNICIPALITY'S PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES WILL SERVE TO PROTECT THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE CITIZENS OF THE CITY OF CONNELLSVILLE.

WHEREAS, the City of Connellsville acknowledges that second hand tobacco smoke poses a threat to the health, safety and welfare of adults and minor children; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General has determined that there is no safe level of exposure to tobacco smoke pollution; and

WHEREAS, secondhand tobacco 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, the City Council of the City of Connellsville desires to discourage tobacco use and promote the public health by making Municipality owned parks, playgrounds and recreational fields "tobacco free zones."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Connellsville and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same as follows:

Section 1: DESIGNATED TOBACCO-FREE AREAS: That all parks and playgrounds where children are present, unless designated in the City of Connellsville be designated tobacco free and the use of tobacco product or electronic cigarette, in any form, shall be prohibited hereafter.

Smoking permit areas are as follows (For which a Smoking Permit may be obtained):

East Park- From stage to ball field side of tennis courts.

Yough Park- From the stage towards the Memorial Bridge.

Section 2: FEE: A \$25 "Permit Fee" will be charged for anyone renting the stage, or entire park. This fee must be paid at the time of rental fee for facility.

The 'Permit Fee' only applies to Yough Park and East Park.

Section 3: APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE will be posted delineating the tobacco free areas.

Section 4: **ENFORCEMENT:** Violations will be \$125.00 (One Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars) for the first and second offense. The third violation will ban the guilty party from all City parks for life.

City Council hereby authorizes its elected and appointed officials to take whatever steps are necessary for full participation in and compliance with the Young Lungs at Play Program and/or other such programs of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Section 5: **THE COMMUNITY SHALL BE NOTIFIED OF THIS ORDINANCE.**

ENACTED AND ORDAINED THIS 20TH DAY OF JUNE, 2017

Greg Lincoln, Mayor

Vernon E. Ohler, City Clerk

CITY SEAL