

WENT TO COUNCIL ON 4/15/03

RESOLUTION NO. M-1508

A RESOLUTION authorizing posting of signs in City of Olympia Park play areas banning smoking at children's play areas in City-owned parks.

WHEREAS, the City's play areas are intended for the healthy enjoyment of all our citizens, including our children and youth; and

WHEREAS, the Olympia City Council values efforts promoting the overall health and well-being of the community; and

WHEREAS, children are particularly at risk from the effects of passive smoke, which has been linked with development of lung cancer, heart attack, low birth weight, sudden infant death syndrome, bronchitis, pneumonia, asthma, chronic respiratory problems, eye and nasal irritation, and middle ear infection; and

WHEREAS, limiting the amount of smoking in parks will provide children and youth with positive role modeling and will discourage them from smoking when they get older; and

WHEREAS, smoking in parks results in the littering of cigarette butts, cigar butts, and other tobacco-related waste that can cause environmental degradation and pose a health risk to children and animals; and

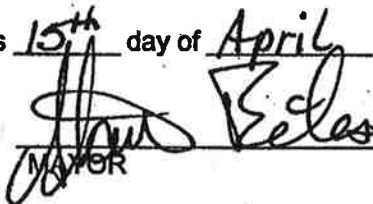
WHEREAS, all City of Olympia public buildings and Olympia School District facilities are smoke free and the City Of Olympia recognizes it has a role in protecting the health of the general public and safety of outdoor public areas; and

WHEREAS, guests of Olympia's parks have requested that smoking be banned near children's play areas; and

WHEREAS, children are vulnerable to tobacco smoke and may have difficulty protecting themselves from second-hand smoke.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Olympia City Council hereby authorizes and directs the proper City officers to post signs at children's play areas in appropriate City parks stating, "For Our Kids' Sake - No Smoking Near Play Area."

PASSED BY THE OLYMPIA CITY COUNCIL this 15th day of April 2003.



MAYOR

ATTEST:



CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY