

**CITY OF FLORENCE
RESOLUTION NO. 39, SERIES 2022**

**A RESOLUTION URGING PARK USERS TO REFRAIN FROM SMOKING OR USING
TOBACCO PRODUCTS AT MILLER PARK, MUNSEL ROAD PARK, PEPPER OAKS
PARK, SINGING PINES PARK AND 18TH STREET POCKET PARK**

RECITALS:

1. Since Oregon Tobacco Prevention and Education Program (TPEP) began in 1997, cigarette sales in Oregon have declined by about two-thirds, however tobacco use remains the number one cause of preventable death and disease in Oregon.
2. Tobacco related death claim approximately 8,000 Oregonians annually and costs an estimated \$5.7 billion a year in medical expenses and lost productivity.
3. The Environmental Protection Agency has classified secondhand smoke as a Group A human carcinogen and therefore concludes that secondhand smoke is a risk to non-smokers.
4. There is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke and even brief exposure can cause immediate harm.
5. Cigarette butts pose a significant litter burden; they are the largest source of outdoor recreation trash in parks and the single most littered item in the world, reports from jurisdictions with tobacco policies in place indicate a dramatic reduction in litter and subsequently maintenance costs.
6. Adults are often role models for young people, and adults who smoke set a bad example for youth.
7. It is in the City's interest and the interests of park users to be aware of the risks posed by secondhand smoke, and to acknowledge the desirability of adults providing good role models for kids.
8. The City encourages the use of parks facilities in a safe and healthy manner, and City Council has recommended the installation of signage requesting voluntary compliance of park patrons not to smoke or use tobacco products.

Based on these findings,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FLORENCE RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. The Public Works Department is hereby requested to install signage at Miller Park, Munsel Road Park, Pepperoaks Park, Singing Pines Park and 18th Street Pocket Park urging park users to voluntarily comply with the request to refrain from using tobacco products while visiting the parks.
2. This Resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption.

ADOPTION:

This Resolution is passed and adopted on the 12th day of December, 2022.


Joe Henry, Mayor

Attest:


Lindsey White, City Recorder