

VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, OHIO
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2016-03

**A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TOBACCO-FREE WORKPLACE FOR THE
EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BUCKEYE LAKE, OHIO.**

WHEREAS, tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death and disability in the United States. The U.S. Surgeon General has stated that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke; that even brief exposure can be dangerous. The Environmental Protection Agency classifies secondhand smoke as a Class A carcinogen, the most dangerous category of cancer-causing agents, and

WHEREAS, smokeless tobacco is not a safe alternative to smoking and causes its own share of death and disease, as evidenced by the following:

Smokeless tobacco use is associated with oral, esophageal, and pancreatic cancers; and

Smokeless tobacco is associated with increased risk for heart disease and stroke, stillbirth and preterm delivery, and Parkinson's disease; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Buckeye Lake believes that tobacco use in the proximity of children and adults at Village owned or operated facilities is detrimental to their health and can be offensive to those using such facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Buckeye Lake has a unique opportunity to create and sustain an environment that supports a non-tobacco norm through a tobacco free policy, rule enforcement, and adult-peer role modeling on Village owned property and Village owned vehicles; and

WHEREAS, for purposes of this policy, "use of tobacco" means all uses of tobacco or tobacco substitutes, including cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff, or any other matter or substances that contain tobacco, in addition to papers used to roll cigarettes and/or the smoking of electronic, "vapor," or other substitute forms of cigarettes, clove cigarettes or other lighted smoking devices for burning tobacco or any other substance; and

WHEREAS, the goal of this tobacco-free policy is to improve the health of Buckeye Lake Village employees, clients, contractors and visitors by reducing exposure to secondhand smoke, role-modeling healthy behaviors for youth, and promoting tobacco cessation, and

WHEREAS, based on significant medical evidence and research documenting the health risks to users of these tobacco products, the Village of Buckeye Lake will provide a 100% tobacco-free environment for all employees, clients, contractors and visitors. The Village of Buckeye Lake prohibits the use of tobacco or tobacco substitute products at all times within any enclosed facility, owned, leased or contracted for by The Village of Buckeye Lake, and in areas

immediately adjacent to locations of ingress or egress to such facilities. This prohibition extends to any company-owned and/or operated vehicles.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Village of Buckeye Lake, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1: That the Village of Buckeye Lake in Licking County adopt a tobacco-free workplace policy for the employees of the Village of Buckeye Lake, Ohio. This policy applies to all Village of Buckeye Lake employees, clients, contractors and visitors.

SECTION 2: That employees will be informed of this policy through signs posted in village facilities. Orientation and training will be provided by their supervisors. Any questions regarding the interpretation or enforcement of this policy are to be brought to the supervisor of your department. Visitors will be informed of this policy through signs, and their host will explain the policy as necessary.

SECTION 3: That The Village of Buckeye Lake will assist employees, clients, contractors and visitors who wish to quit smoking by facilitating access to recommended smoking cessation programs and materials.

SECTION 4: That any violations of this policy will be handled through the standard disciplinary procedure. Employees observing an individual violating this policy are encouraged to courteously remind the individual of the policy and suggest that smoking materials be extinguished. If the individual refuses to comply, the employee should notify a supervisor.

SECTION 5: That this Resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

PASSED THIS 11th DAY OF July, 2016

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