

MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 2549

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE
ESTABLISHING TOBACCO-FREE ZONES AT LOCAL PARKS AND
PLAYGROUNDS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY OF MONROEVILLE**

WHEREAS, in Pennsylvania, more than 858,000 young people are exposed to tobacco smoke pollution every day and the US Surgeon General has stated that there is NO SAFE LEVEL OF EXPOSURE, whether indoors or outdoors, and that children's exposure to second-hand smoke causes increased risk of sudden infant death syndrome, lower respiratory infections, middle ear diseases, more severe asthma, respiratory symptoms and slowed lung growth and is responsible for the premature deaths of over 430,000 Americans each year from lung cancer, heart disease, respiratory illness and other diseases; and

WHEREAS, secondhand 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, every day an estimated 3,900 young people under the age of 18 try their first cigarette and one-third of these children will die prematurely from tobacco related illnesses; and

WHEREAS, to help role model non-smoking behavior to children and youth; to provide children, youth and their families with a safe, smoke-free environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Council for the Municipality of Monroeville, Allegheny County and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1: That the areas of parks and playgrounds where children are present, such as picnic areas, sports and playing fields, parking lots, concert venues, etc. in the Municipality of Monroeville be designated tobacco-free.

SECTION 2: Appropriate signage will be posted designating tobacco-free areas.

SECTION 3: The community will be notified of this ordinance.

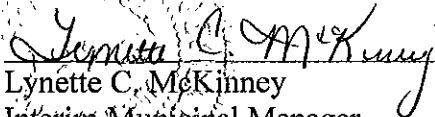
SECTION 4: Violators will be immediately ejected from the park or recreational facility.

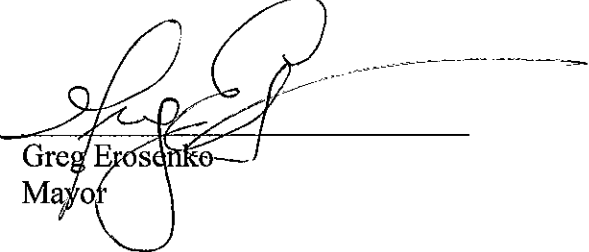
SECTION 5: All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed. The following Ordinance or parts thereof are specifically repealed; and

SECTION 6: If any sentence, clause, section, or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Municipality that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

ORDAINED and ENACTED this 8th day of May, 2012.

ATTEST:


Lynette C. McKinney
Interim Municipal Manager


Greg Erosenko
Mayor

ENTERED INTO LEGAL BOOK: May 18, 2012