

RESOLUTION OF BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF COLUMBIA, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

RESOLUTION NO. 2012-20

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 8, 2012

ADOPTED BY COUNCIL OCTOBER 8, 2012

“A RESOLUTION OF BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF COLUMBIA, LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ADOPTING A TOBACCO-FREE PUBLIC PARK AND PLAYGROUND POLICY, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS ‘YOUNG LUNGS AT PLAY.’”

WHEREAS, in Pennsylvania, more than 850,000 young people are exposed to tobacco smoke each day, along with other tobacco products, and reports indicate second-hand smoke is responsible for over 50,000 deaths among non-smokers each year; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency classifies second-hand smoke from tobacco products as a Class A carcinogen, which is a substance known to cause cancer in humans and can result in serious illnesses including, but not limited to respiratory diseases and asthma; and

WHEREAS, tobacco products consumed at parks and playgrounds are often discarded on the ground, thus producing litter which poses a risk to toddlers and children through possible ingestion; and

WHEREAS, discarded tobacco products as litter can impact the quality of our water through run-off into streams and waterways of the Commonwealth.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Columbia, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, adopts a Tobacco-free Public Park and Playground Policy subject to the following procedures and statements:

1. All municipal-owned parks, park facilities, sports fields, and playgrounds including joint municipal/school district properties within the Municipality.
2. This policy will be enforced through voluntary compliance. Observed violators may be requested to vacate the property.
3. Appropriate signage, as provided by the Health Promotion Council and the Southeast Tobacco Control Project supporting Young

Lungs at Play, identifying the areas as tobacco-free zones will be posted.

4. The community will be notified of this resolution, and any changes as may be required at a later date.
5. The policy will be effective the day of adoption.

BOROUGH OF COLUMBIA, LANCASTER
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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