

**TOWNSHIP OF HANOVER  
BEAVER COUNTY  
PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-10**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE HANOVER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BEAVER COUNTY, PA. ESTABLISHING A TOBACCO AND NICOTINE FREE POLICY IN DESIGNATED PARKS LOCATED IN THE TOWNSHIP, ESTABLISHING POLICIES REGARDING THE ELIMINATION OF TOBACCO AND TOBACCO PRODUCTS IN THE PARKS, PROVIDING A DEFINITION OF TOBACCO FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS RESOLUTION AND PROVIDING FOR APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE DESIGNATING THE PARK AND FACILITIES AS A YOUNG LUNGS AT PLAY AREA.**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Hanover is enacting the following Tobacco and Nicotine-Free Policy at the Ralph K. Davidson Municipal Park situated within the Township of Hanover.

**WHEREAS**, the use of tobacco products in the proximity of children, youth, and adults engaging in or watching recreation activities is unhealthy and detrimental to the health of others. Tobacco products consumed in public spaces are often discarded on the ground, thus posing a risk of ingestion to toddlers, pets, wildlife, and causing a litter problem.

**WHEREAS**, the US Surgeon General has stated that there is NO SAFE LEVEL OF EXPOSURE, whether indoors or outdoors, and that children's exposure to secondhand smoke causes increased risk of sudden infant death syndrome, lower respiratory infections, middle ear diseases, more severe asthma, respiratory symptoms and slowed lung; and

**WHEREAS**, the intent of this Resolution is to designate the Hanover Township Ralph K. Davidson Municipal Park to be a tobacco and nicotine-free environment for staff and visitors.

**WHEREAS**, and for the purposes of this resolution "tobacco" is defined to include any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, and any other smoking product; and spit tobacco, also known as smokeless, dip, chew, spit less, snus and snuff, in any form; including, but not limited to, non-FDA approved cessation nicotine products, digital/electronic nicotine delivery systems e.g. "e-cigarette", vapor products, anything that stimulates or can be construed as being a smoking or smokeless tobacco product (i.e., herbal smoking products) or any electronic device that delivers nicotine or other substances to the person inhaling from the device, and the application of this policy shall apply to all employees and all non-employees including visitors and vendors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) It is the intention of the Hanover Township Board of Supervisors to create a tobacco and nicotine free environment for all persons using the Ralph K. Davidson Municipal Park, and
- 2) The Hanover Township Board of Supervisors hereby designate the Ralph K. Davidson Municipal Park as tobacco and nicotine free, and
- 3) That the Township shall erect appropriate signage that includes tobacco/vape free to notify all resident and visitors/park volunteers of the tobacco and nicotine free designation. Tobacco shall be consistent with the definition of tobacco set forth herein.
- 4) All parties utilizing the Ralph K. Davidson Municipal Park shall be expected to abide and follow the policy of a tobacco and nicotine free environment for the children utilizing the parks.
- 5) Tobacco and nicotine-free policies are generally self-enforcing, but visitors who violate the tobacco and nicotine-free policy may be asked to leave the property.
- 6) Tobacco cessation and awareness programs, referrals, and resources will be made available to employees and visitors who desire to stop using tobacco and nicotine products. PA Free Quitline, 1-800-Quit Now, and PA.Quitlogic.org.

RESOLVED AND ENACTED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024, by the undersigned Supervisors of the Township of Hanover in this lawful session regularly assembled.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



James Uranker, Chairman

ATTEST:



Daisy R. Spearing  
Secretary/Treasurer



Ernie Sieber, Vice Chairman

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Steve Zalusky, Supervisor