

THE CITY OF WARWICK
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

NO..... DATE.....

APPROVED.....MAYOR

RESOLUTION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY REQUESTING THAT
COMMERCIAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS BE
CLASSIFIED AS NON-SMOKING

Resolved that,

WHEREAS, the health, safety, and welfare of citizens of the City of Warwick are matters of paramount importance to the Warwick City Council; and,

WHEREAS, the United States Surgeon General has stated that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS, many studies also show that there are harmful health effects of secondhand smoke; and,

WHEREAS, In a multi-unit housing setting, secondhand smoke does drift from neighboring housing units, neighboring patios and balconies and from outdoor common areas into nonsmokers' units through open windows, open doors and shared ventilation systems; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that secondhand smoke can also enter neighboring housing units under doorways and through wall cracks and openings for electrical wiring, light fixtures, plumbing, baseboards and ductwork; and

WHEREAS, a study conducted in a four-story Santa Monica, California apartment building using an industry-standard device to measure small airborne particles that can penetrate deep into the lung showed that persons living in apartments near smokers can be exposed to potentially hazardous levels of secondhand smoke for 8 to 24 hours per day; and

WHEREAS, the significant health issues related to second hand smoke necessitate action on a state wide basis to classify commercial housing developments as non-smoking areas.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Warwick City Council hereby requests the General Assembly to enact legislation to classify commercial housing developments as non-smoking areas.

The City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Senators and Representatives from the City of Warwick.

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This Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILMAN MEROLLA
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COMMITTEE: INTERGOVERNMENTAL