

REQUESTED BY:  
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LAW DEPARTMENT  
DRAFT NO. 3791

TITLE

A RESOLUTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SUPPORTING TOBACCO 21 AS A STATEWIDE INITIATIVE IN THEIR EFFORTS, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES TO PROHIBIT THE SALE OF CIGARETTES, OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND TOBACCO PRODUCT PARAPHERNALIA TO INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY ONE.

RESOLUTION NO. 4639/18

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Warren recognizes the leading cause of preventable deaths in the United States is caused by the use of tobacco products and seeks to promote the health and well-being of all its citizens of the City of Warren; and

WHEREAS, smoking amongst young people in our own City is a challenge that will lead to long term health effects, but also will create a new generation of children that will experience the negative effects of tobacco use, as roughly 12% of Trumbull County young people between the ages of 12-17 smoke according to the Ohio Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, and in 2018, over 20% of adults of the age of 18 and older smoke in Trumbull County; and

WHEREAS, studies show that young people who are addicted to nicotine are seven times more likely to suffer from a drug use disorder, and that individuals who have never used tobacco products by the age of 21 are unlikely to ever start smoking; and

WHEREAS, the use of tobacco products has devastating health and economic consequences and nationally, tobacco use leads to roughly Three Hundred Billion Dollars in health care and lost worker productivity costs each year; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 5.6 million Americans under the age of 18 who are currently alive today are projected to die prematurely from a tobacco-related illness if prevalence rates do not change; and

WHEREAS, in August 2016, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) finalized a rule extending tobacco products to now include e-cigarettes (also called electronic cigarettes or electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS) or vapes), all cigars (including premium ones), hookah (also called water pipe tobacco), pipe tobacco, nicotine gels, and dissolvables that did not previously fall under the FDA's authority; and

WHEREAS, the Institute of Medicine has evidence that raising the minimum legal sales age for tobacco to 21 nationwide would result in near immediate reductions in preterm birth, low birth weight, and sudden infant death syndrome; and

WHEREAS, The City of Warren is committed to supporting Tobacco 21 as a Statewide Initiative in their efforts, goals and objectives to prohibit the sale of cigarettes, other tobacco products and tobacco product paraphernalia to individuals under the age of twenty one; NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Warren, State of Ohio:

Section 1: That the Mayor and the Council of the City of Warren supports Tobacco 21 as a Statewide Initiative in their efforts, goals and objectives to prohibit the sale of cigarettes, other tobacco products and tobacco product paraphernalia to individuals under the age of twenty one.

Section 2: That this Resolution shall go into immediate effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

Passed in Council this 24<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2018.

SIGNED: [Signature]  
PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL                      CLERK

FILED WITH THE MAYOR: 10-24-18

DATE APPROVED: 10-24-18

[Signature]  
MAYOR, CITY OF WARREN, OHIO