



Sample Tobacco-Free Park and Playground Resolution

The Town/Village of (your town/village) agrees to the adoption of the following resolution to create tobacco-free zones at local parks.

WHEREAS, smoking is responsible for premature deaths of over 440,000 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, crack, heroin, homicide, suicide, accidents, fires, and AIDS combines; and

WHEREAS, 80% of smokers started smoking before the age of 18, and the average initiation age is 12 years old; and

WHEREAS, everyday 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;

THEREFORE, the Town/Village of (your town/village), County of (your county), State of New York resolves as follows:

That the areas of parks where children are present including picnic areas, sports areas, parking lots and (list family areas specific to your town/village's parks) in the Town/Village of (your town/village) be designated as tobacco-free zones. Appropriate signage will be posted designating tobacco-free zones. The Town/Village Clerk shall certify to the adoption of the resolution. This resolution will become effective on (Month, Day, Year).