

**CITY OF CLAIRTON
ALLEGHENY COUNTY
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 1876

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CLAIRTON, COUNTY OF
ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, CREATING
TOBACCO-FREE ZONES AT LOCAL PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS**

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the City Council of the City of Clairton, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, The City of Clairton agrees to the adoption of tobacco-free zones at local parks and playgrounds; and

WHEREAS, in Pennsylvania. More than 858,000 young people are exposed to tobacco smoke pollution every day and the U.S. 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 asthmas, respiratory symptoms and slowed lung growth and is responsible for the premature deaths of over 430,000 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, heroin, homicide, and suicide, accidents, fires and AIDS combined; 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 City of Clairton, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, resolves as follows:

SECTION 1.

That any and all City of Clairton recreational areas, including all parks, playgrounds, ball fields, swimming pool, walking trails and parking lots be designated as tobacco-free.

SECTION 2.

The community will be notified of the passage of this ordinance and appropriate signage will be posted designating tobacco-free areas,

SECTION 3.

Violators of this Ordinance will be immediately ejected from the park or recreational areas as outlined in Section 1 of this ordinance and the City at its discretion may prohibit future use of said recreational facilities for repeat violators. The City may also cite said violators with the penalty being the maximum allowed by current statutes.

SECTION 4.

Any Ordinance or part of an Ordinance conflicting with this Ordinance is and the same is hereby insofar as the same affects this Ordinance.

ORDAINED and ENACTED this 9th day of July, 2013.

ATTEST:

CITY OF CLAIRTON


Howard J. Bednar
City Manager / Finance Director


Richard L. Lattanzi, Mayor