

VILLAGE OF BOSTON HEIGHTS	Codified?	First Reading <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Waiver 3-Reading Rule _____
RESOLUTION NO: 2018-4-13	Yes _____	Second Reading _____	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
INTRODUCED BY <u>R. ANTAL</u>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Third Reading _____	No _____

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF THE
SUMMIT COUNTY TOBACCO 21 INITIATIVE**

WHEREAS, tobacco use is the foremost preventable cause of premature death in the United States, causing half a million deaths annually, and has been responsible for 20.8 million premature deaths in the U.S. over the past 50 years since the first Surgeon General’s report on smoking in 1964; and,

WHEREAS, the use of tobacco products has devastating health and economic consequences and nationally, tobacco use leads to roughly \$300 billion 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, the Institute of Medicine has concluded that raising the minimum legal age for tobacco nationwide will reduce tobacco initiation, particularly among adolescents aged 15 to 21, improve health across the lifespan, and save lives; and,

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

WHEREAS, smoking amongst young people in our own country is a challenge that will lead to long term health effects, but also creating a new generation of children that will experience the negative effects of tobacco use, as nearly 14% of Summit County youth in 9th – 12th grade smoke, according to the 2014 data, over 23% of women age 18-21 smoked at some point during their pregnancy; and,

WHEREAS, a local licensing system for tobacco retailers is necessary and appropriate to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of our residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Village of Boston Heights, Summit County, Ohio as follows:

Section 1: That the Village Council supports prohibiting the sale of tobacco products, inclusive of e-cigarettes and paraphernalia, to those under the age of 21 within the County of Summit.

Section 2: That the Village encourages other local communities across Ohio and the State of Ohio, to prohibit the sale of tobacco products and paraphernalia to those under the age of 21 as a part of efforts to further reduce tobacco use and the negative health impacts associated with it.

Section 3: That this Council hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this Resolution was taken in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council which resulted in formal action were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with the applicable legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

PASSED:


BILL GONCY, Mayor

ATTEST:

I, BETTY KLINGENBERG, Fiscal Officer of the Village of Boston Heights, Summit County, Ohio do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution **2018-4-13** was duly passed by the Council of the Village of Boston Heights, County of Summit, State of Ohio at a meeting of Council on this **10th day of April, 2018.**


BETTY KLINGENBERG, Fiscal Officer