

RESOLUTION NO. 20-236

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, URGING THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO PROHIBIT THE SMOKING OF TOBACCO ON PUBLIC BEACHES; PROVIDING COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES AUTHORITY TO ISSUE CIVIL PENALTIES AND CITATIONS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, according to United States Center for Disease Control the combination of smoke from the burning of tobacco products and the smoked exhaled from the smoker, referred to as secondhand smoke, exposes nonsmokers to thousands of chemicals, hundreds of which are toxic and 70 known to cause cancer; and

WHEREAS, as of 2018, nearly 14 of every 100 (14.0%) U.S. adults aged 18 years or older currently smoke cigarettes; and

WHEREAS, cigarette smoking causes more than 480,000 deaths each year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, there is no risk-free level of secondhand smoke exposure; even brief exposure can be harmful to health; and

WHEREAS, approximately 2.5 million nonsmokers have died from health-related illnesses caused by exposure to secondhand smoke since 1964; and

WHEREAS, prohibiting tobacco products that cause harmful smoke prevents potential exposure to toxic and cancerous chemicals; and

WHEREAS, according to the Ocean Conservancy, cigarette butts are the most common waste item collected from beach cleanups; and

WHEREAS, the City would benefit from legislation that prohibits the smoking of tobacco on public beaches within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that this Resolution is in the best interest of the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA:

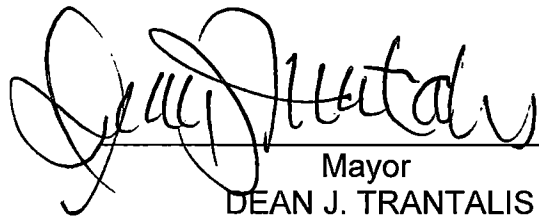
SECTION 1. That the above recitals are hereby adopted by the City of Fort Lauderdale as its legislative findings relative to the subjects and matters set forth in this Resolution.

SECTION 2. That the City Commission of the City of Fort Lauderdale hereby encourages the Florida Legislature to pass legislation prohibiting the smoking of tobacco on public beaches and providing enforcement authority to counties and municipalities.

SECTION 3. That the City Clerk, or his/her designee, is hereby directed to distribute a copy of this resolution to the Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives, and to other lawmakers who have expressed interest in such legislation.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon final passage.

ADOPTED this 2nd day of December, 2020.



Mayor
DEAN J. TRANTALIS

ATTEST:



City Clerk
JEFFREY A. MODARELLI