

#09-29 The following resolution was offered by Trustee French, seconded by Trustee Collins and unanimously carried:

The Village of Nassau agrees to the adoption of the following resolution to create tobacco free zones at local parks and at municipal building entryways.

WHEREAS, smoking is responsible for the 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 non smokers each year; and

WHEREAS, tobacco kills more Americans each year than alcohol, cocaine, crack, heroin, suicide, accidents, fires, and AIDS combined; and

WHEREAS, 80% of smokers started smoking before the age of 18, and the average initiation 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 the children will die prematurely from tobacco related illnesses; and

WHEREAS, the Capital District Tobacco Free Coalition 2009 Community Tobacco Issues Survey shows that 88% of Rensselaer County residents favor smoke free playgrounds; 73% favor smoke free building entryways, and 61% favor smoke free parks; and

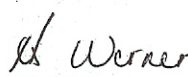
WHEREAS, children model adult behavior and benefit from positive reinforcement of healthy lifestyle messages through exposure to smoke free public areas;

THEREFORE, the Village of Nassau, County of Rensselaer, State of New York resolves as follows;

All public parks, Ben Stanley and Village Commons in the Village of Nassau be designated as tobacco free zones. Further, all municipal building entryways will be designated tobacco free zones with smoking prohibited within a 50 foot perimeter of the building, in the building parking lot, and in cars on the building premises. Appropriate signage will be posted designating tobacco free zones. The Village Clerk shall certify to the adoption of the resolution. This resolution will be become effective on October 14, 2009.

State of New York )  
County of Rensselaer) ss:

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution duly moved, seconded and unanimously passed by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Nassau at a regular monthly meeting thereof held on October 14, 2009, a quorum being present.

  
Heather Werner  
Village Clerk

