



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 13.

DATE OF MEETING: October 19, 2009

REQUESTED BY: Jack Griffith, Ph.D., Director, Pender County Health Department

SHORT TITLE: Resolution Proposed by Board of Health to Support an Ordinance Prohibiting Tobacco Use on County Owned Property

BACKGROUND: At the September 15th meeting of the Board of Health the BOH voted to request that the Board of County Commissioners agree to an ordinance in support of North Carolina House Bill 2 Section 1 Article 23 130A-491a-b which states the following: "The General Assembly finds that secondhand smoke has been proven to cause cancer, heart disease and asthma attacks in both smokers and non smokers. In 2006, a report issued by the United States Surgeon General stated that the scientific evidence indicates that there are no risk free levels of exposure to secondhand smoke. It is the intent of the General Assembly to protect the health of individuals in public places and places of employment and riding in State government vehicles from the risks related to secondhand smoke. It is further the intent of the General Assembly to "allow" all local governments to adopt local laws governing smoking within their jurisdictions that are more restrictive than the State law." On May 14, 2009 House Bill 2 was passed by the North Carolina General Assembly and signed by Governor Perdue on May 19, 2009."

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: The Pender County Board of County Commissioners is requested to approve an ordinance prohibiting tobacco use on county owned property effective January 3, 2010.

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Respectfully recommend the Board discuss and consider the Board of Health request to adopt such an ordinance. The Board may desire to request the Board of Health further research specific language and criteria related to defining "County-owned property"; and request the Board of Health bring back for further consideration a proposed draft ordinance.

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RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that

the attached document entitled "Resolution to Support an Ordinance Prohibiting Tobacco Use on County Owned Property" and adopted by the Pender County Board of Health on September 15, 2009 is hereby acknowledged.

Further, the Board acknowledges the Board of Health's request to approve an ordinance prohibiting tobacco use on County-owned property, effective January 3, 2010.

AMENDMENTS:

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____

APPROVED _____ DENIED _____ UNANIMOUS

YEA VOTES: Tate ___ Brown ___ Blanchard ___ Rivenbark ___ Williams ___

Jimmy T. Tate, Chairman 10/5/09
Date

ATTEST 10/5/09
Date

**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AN ORDINANCE
PROHIBITING TOBACCO USE ON COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY**

WHEREAS tobacco use is responsible, each year, for the death of more than 440,000 smokers in the U.S.¹; and

WHEREAS secondhand smoke is a public health hazard, especially to children and causes heart disease, cancer and respiratory disease, and is responsible, each year, for the deaths of 35,000-62,000 nonsmokers in the U.S.²; and

WHEREAS thirty minutes of exposure to secondhand smoke three times per week doubles the risk of heart attack³; and

WHEREAS smoke free air policies protect health and safety, and encourage everyone, especially children, to live healthy, smoke free lives and reduce costs⁴; and

WHEREAS smoke free policies do not have a negative economic impact on businesses⁵; and

WHEREAS Health Departments are centers for the prevention and treatment of illness and the promotion of health and play a role in the community for modeling healthy behavior.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pender County Board of Health supports an ordinance prohibiting tobacco use on county owned property.

Signed *Roberta Boso*
Chair, Pender County Board of Health

15 Sept 2009
Date

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¹ Center for Disease Control, Tobacco Information and Prevention Source, 2005

² National Cancer Institute, Monograph 10, 1999

³ Journal of the American Medical Association, 2001

⁴ American Journal of Preventive Medicine, 2001

⁵ M. Scollo, A Lal, A Hyland, S Clantz, Tobacco Control, 2003