



RESOLUTION ON SECONDHAND SMOKE

Whereas, the economic costs of smoking are estimated to be about \$3,391 per smoker per year.

Whereas, employees deserve protection from exposure to secondhand smoke. During an eight hour work shift, a non-smoking employee could inhale secondhand smoke equivalent to actively smoking 16 cigarettes, just 4 short of an entire pack of cigarettes.

Whereas, secondhand smoke is involuntary exposure (most nonsmokers don't want to breathe smoke)

Whereas, passive smoking (secondhand smoke) is the third leading preventable cause of death; for every 8 smokers who die, one nonsmoker also will die from secondhand smoke exposure.

Whereas, opening a window, sitting in separate areas, or using ventilation, air conditioning, or a fan cannot eliminate secondhand smoke exposure.

Whereas, studies that used objective measures such as sales tax receipts, included data from several years before and after, and controlled for changes in economic conditions found no negative fiscal impact to businesses from smoke-free policies.

Therefore, be it hereby

Resolved, that city, county and state policymakers have an obligation to protect the health of all Kansans by enacting legislation to protect them from exposure to secondhand smoke; and be it further

Resolved, that _____ supports the protection of the right of all Kansans to breathe clean air in the public places where they work, where they play, and where they eat and drink.

Signed: _____