

CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE, COLORADO
RESOLUTION NO. 03
Series of 2013

TITLE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SMOKE-FREE POLICY IN ALL PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND OPEN SPACE WITHIN THE CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE

WHEREAS, tobacco use is the number one preventable cause of death, and;

WHEREAS, in a recent cigarette litter pick up at Crown Hill, youth found more than 3,000 discarded cigarette butts, and;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General states there is no safe level of exposure to tobacco smoke, and;

WHEREAS, almost 90% of adult smokers begin before the age of 18, and;

WHEREAS, to help provide a role model of non-smoking behavior to children and youth; to provide adults, children, youth and their families with a safe, smoke-free environment, and;

WHEREAS, discarded cigarettes can be toxic to animals and children if ingested, can present a serious fire hazard, and are the most littered item in the world, not biodegradable, and take years to break down, and;

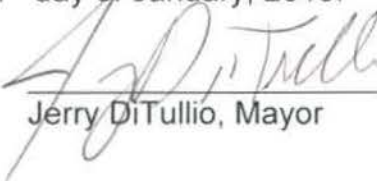
WHEREAS, smoke-free parks, playgrounds and open space promote healthy, tobacco-free living, and;

WHEREAS, smoke-free parks and playgrounds are a growing national trend with more than 600 communities in the U.S. having smoke-free parks, and;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Wheat Ridge, Colorado, as follows:

ALL PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS AND OPEN SPACE WITHIN THE CITY OF WHEAT RIDGE SHALL BE SMOKE FREE.

DONE AND RESOLVED this 14th day of January, 2013.



Jerry DiTullio, Mayor

ATTEST:



Janelle Shaver, City Clerk