



RESOLUTION NO. 35519

1 BY REQUEST OF COUNCIL MEMBER LADENBURG, MAYOR BAARSMA,
2 AND COUNCIL MEMBER PHELPS

3 WHEREAS the City's parks are intended for the healthy enjoyment of all
4 our citizens, including our children and youth, and

5 WHEREAS children are particularly at risk from the effects of passive
6 smoke, which has been linked with development of lung cancer, heart attack,
7 low birth weight, sudden infant death syndrome, bronchitis, pneumonia,
8 asthma, chronic respiratory problems, eye and nasal irritation, and middle ear
9 infection, and
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11 WHEREAS, each year, more than one million young people continue to
12 become regular smokers and more than 400,000 adults die from
13 tobacco-related diseases, and

14 WHEREAS limiting the amount of smoking in parks will provide children
15 and youth with positive role modeling and discourage them from smoking when
16 they get older, and
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18 WHEREAS smoking in parks results in the littering of cigarettes,
19 cigarette butts, cigar butts, and other tobacco-related waste, and

20 WHEREAS it is in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Tacoma
21 to encourage park users to keep our City parks smoke-free; Now, Therefore,
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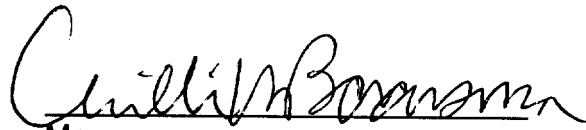
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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

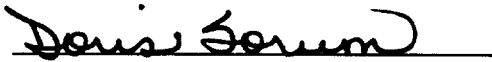
That the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized to post signs at prominent places in each City park, asking that park users please refrain from smoking on the park premises.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Metro Parks Tacoma is encouraged to adopt a similar resolution and practice for all of the parks under its jurisdiction.


Adopted MAY 21 2002


Mayor

Attest:


City Clerk

Approved as to form and legality:


City Attorney

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