

City of Roswell
Resolution 07-01

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF STATEWIDE LEGISLATION
PROTECTING KIDS, WORKERS, AND PEOPLE WITH BREATHING PROBLEMS
BY ELIMINATING SMOKING IN INDOOR PUBLIC PLACES AND WORKPLACES-
INCLUDING RESTAURANTS, BARS, AND OFFICES.**

- WHEREAS: The United States Surgeon General has declared that there is NO safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke, which remains a leading cause of preventable death in the United States; and
- WHEREAS: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has warned that all patients at increased risk of coronary heart disease and with known coronary artery disease should avoid any indoor environments in which smoking occurs; and
- WHEREAS: Nonsmokers who are exposed to secondhand smoke increase their risk of developing heart disease by 25-30%; and
- WHEREAS: Children who breathe secondhand smoke are more likely to suffer from serious and costly illnesses including pneumonia, bronchitis, asthma, and middle-ear infections; and
- WHEREAS: Employees such as waiters, waitresses, and bartenders who have exposure to secondhand smoke on a daily basis are twice as likely to fall victim to heart attack and are nearly twice as likely to develop lung cancer due to involuntary exposure to secondhand smoke; and
- WHEREAS: The United States Surgeon General has declared the only effective way to prevent secondhand smoke exposure for workers indoors is to provide completely smoke-free workplace environments; and
- WHEREAS: Secondhand smoke can trigger serious adult breathing problems including asthma and allergies and make it dangerous for persons with breathing problems to access indoor places where smoking is permitted; and
- WHEREAS: The City of Roswell has adopted a "Smokefree" ordinance (#04-09) protecting its citizens from secondhand smoke in public places and workplaces, including restaurants and bars with overwhelming acceptance and support by the community; therefore be it

RESOLVED: The City of Roswell joins New Mexicans Concerned About Tobacco, the American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, and American Lung Association in supporting a strong statewide law that protects kids, workers, and people with breathing problems from secondhand smoke in public places and workplaces, including restaurants and bars, and which does not preempt local communities from adopting local policies expanding statewide secondhand smoke protections.

ADOPTED, SIGNED AND APPROVED the 11th day of January 2007.



SAM LAGRONE, MAYOR

CITY SEAL

ATTEST:



DAVE KUNKO, CITY CLERK