

In Support Of Designated Smoking Areas At The Ulster County Fairgrounds – Adopting Tobacco Use And Sponsorship Free Policy

The Environmental Committee (Chairman Shapiro and Legislators Bartels, Distel, R.A. Parete, Rodriguez, Fabiano and McAfee) offers the following:

WHEREAS, tobacco use is responsible for nearly 5,000,000 million deaths every year worldwide, and

WHEREAS, more than 5,000 youth under the age of 18 try a cigarette for the first time each day in the United States, and

WHEREAS, more than 3.5 million youth between the ages of 12 and 17 are current smokers in the United States and 1/3 of them will eventually die from a tobacco related disease, and

WHEREAS, County fairs, festivals, outdoor venues, and other similar events are promoted and viewed as family-friendly and youth-oriented in the community, and

WHEREAS, the effects and dangers of second hand smoke on people of all ages are well documented, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Health urges designated smoking areas at County fairgrounds, and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the Ulster County Legislature to move toward a totally smoke-free fairgrounds.

RESOLVED, it is the policy of the Ulster County Legislature as stewards of the Ulster County Fairgrounds that tobacco will only be permitted in designated and marked areas on the premise. This policy extends to any entity that leases, rents, or otherwise holds events on the property, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that no sponsorship or advertising shall be accepted by Ulster County or any entity that leases, rents or otherwise holds events on the property from a tobacco company that provides a product for personal consumption, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ulster County shall not allow the sale or distribution of items associated with a tobacco brand, and/or samples of cigarettes, cigars, or other personal consumable tobacco at the Ulster County Fairgrounds, and

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FURTHER RESOLVED, that it is the policy of the Ulster County that we shall neither solicit nor accept any tobacco-related sponsorship, including monies or other collateral, for activities or events located at the Ulster County Fairgrounds, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that no sign, notice, signboard, placard, pennant, banner, graphic display, mural or other advertisement for any tobacco brand, product, or company shall be inscribed, painted, affixed, placed, displayed, or maintained on any of the windows, doors, or on any other part of the outside or the inside of the Ulster County Fairgrounds, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the description or sale of tobacco products and promotional items with a tobacco company or brand name on the premises of the Ulster County Fairgrounds shall be prohibited, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this policy extends to any entity that leases, rents, or otherwise holds events on the property of the Ulster County Fairgrounds, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that all contracts with any entity that leases, rents or otherwise holds events at the Ulster County Fairgrounds will reflect this policy, and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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