

Council Member Bob Hicks introduced the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 071607

A RESOLUTION TO SHOW SUPPORT OF NON SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES FOR HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY REASONS.

WHEREAS, environmental tobacco smoke is a public health issue in the City of Alabaster as well as throughout the United States; and

WHEREAS, the use of lighted smoking products creates a health hazard of second hand smoke which damages public health and enjoyment; and

WHEREAS, conclusive evidence has shown environmental tobacco smoke causes cancer, cardiovascular and respiratory disease, negative birth outcomes, allergies and irritations to eyes, ears, noses and throats of both smokers and nonsmokers; and

WHEREAS, the National Public Health Service and World Health Organization both identify tobacco smoke as human Class A carcinogen, stating there is no safe level of exposure; and

WHEREAS, the United States Surgeon General, the American Cancer Society, the American Lung Association, and the Alabama Department of Public Health have concluded that involuntary smoking is a cause of disease, including lung cancer, in nonsmokers; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council is keenly aware that there is an increased need for public awareness of the dangers related to smoking whether by inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying of any lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette or other tobacco-like product.

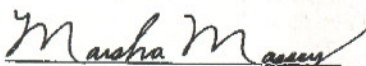
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALABASTER, ALABAMA, that the Mayor and City Council recognizes the rights of those who wish to breathe smoke-free air, and

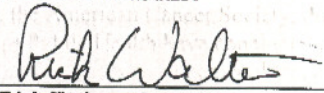
FURTHERMORE, the Mayor and Council encourages all its businesses and citizens to join them in endorsing and pledging your support for non smoking in public places and other designated smoke-free areas for the betterment of public health and safety.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 16 DAY OF JULY 2007.

ATTEST:

CITY OF ALABASTER


Marsha Massey, City Clerk/Treas.

By: 
Rick Walters, Council President

APPROVED:


David M. Frings, Mayor