PROHIBITION OF SMOKING IN CITY PARKS, BEACHES AND THE CHURCH STREET MARKETPLACE

In the year Two Thousand Nine.
Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

That WHEREAS, one of the greatest assets of the City of Burlington, other than its diverse and vibrant population is its parks and beaches and the many amenities they provide; and

WHEREAS, the Church Street Marketplace provides wonderful dining, entertainment and shopping opportunities for both residents and tourists; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington is very cognizant of the need to have smoke-free areas, including outdoor areas, in the city so those who wish to breathe fresh air can do so; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington has won several awards for the attention given to health issues and has been named one of the healthiest cities in America; and

WHEREAS, the litter of cigarette remnants can be found in the parks and on the beaches detracting from the beauty of our city; and

WHEREAS, we ask that the police department and other authorized municipal officials use discretion in issuing complaints for violations of this ordinance especially during its initial implementation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council requests that the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Marketplace Commission each work to

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clearly define areas within their purview pertaining to this resolution where smoking would be permitted; and

BE IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the Ordinance Committee shall review the proposed ordinance attached hereto, hold public hearings, review the findings of the two commissions referenced in this resolution and report back to the City Council with a recommendation regarding adoption of said ordinance.

lb/naf/c: Resolutions 2009/Smoking Prohibition in City Parks, Beaches, & Church St. Marketplace 12/10/09