

TOWN OF SAN ANSELMO
RESOLUTION NUMBER 3332

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF SAN ANSELMO SUPPORTING THE PLAN
TO REDUCE SMOKING AMONG CHILDREN THROUGH REGULATION OF TOBACCO
PRODUCTS

WHEREAS, tobacco use is responsible for the death of more than 400,000 people every year in the United States including 40,000 people in California, and is the number one cause of disease and death; and

WHEREAS, every day in California, 300 children become smokers; and

WHEREAS, more than half of all smokers begin smoking before the age of 14, and 90 percent begin by the age of 19; and

WHEREAS, children can easily buy cigarettes from vending machines, over-the-counter sales and mail-in coupons even though it is illegal; and

WHEREAS, an estimated one billion packs of cigarettes are sold to minors under the age of 18 every year in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the State of California as well as many cities and counties have enacted ordinances to reduce illegal tobacco sales to minors and conduct public education efforts to discourage tobacco use among children; and

WHEREAS, President Clinton has proposed a comprehensive plan to reduce by 50 percent smoking among children and adolescents, by limiting access of tobacco products, reducing the appeal of cigarettes and by instituting a nationwide public education campaign; and

WHEREAS, the President's proposal is supported by respected health organizations including the American Lung Association, American Heart Association, American Cancer Society and the American Medical Association;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED to support President Clinton's comprehensive plan to reduce smoking by children;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town of San Anselmo send a copy of this resolution to the Food & Drug Administration (Dockets management Branch), HFA-305, Food & Drug Administration, Room 1-23, 12420 Parklawn Drive, Rockview, MD 20857), the President of the United States, appropriate House of Representatives Members and U.S. Senators Barbara Boxer and Diane Feinstein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Town Council of the Town of San Anselmo held on December 19, 1995, by the following vote:

AYES: Breen, Hodgens, Yarish
NOES: (None)
ABSENT: Chignell, Kroot

Debra J. Stutsman

Debra J. Stutsman, Town Clerk



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MEMO

DATE: November 21, 1995

TO: Local Legislators and City Managers

FROM: Elizabeth Emerson, ^{EE} Marin County Tobacco Education Program

RE: For Your Information: **FDA Proposal to regulate advertising of tobacco products to youth.**

Several California cities have chosen to adopt a resolution in favor of the FDA regulations. I have enclosed a sample resolution in case your city wishes to adopt a resolution. I have included some background information we received at the Health Department. If you decide to adopt such a resolution, please mail me a copy. All comments must be received by January 2, 1996 and should be mailed to:

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NOTICE!!!

The Food and Drug Administration is seeking comments from U.S. citizens on the proposed new **Regulations Restricting the Sale and Distribution of Cigarettes and Smokeless Tobacco Products to Protect Children and Adolescents**. The intention of the proposed rule is to reduce childrens and adolescents' easy access to cigarettes and smokeless tobacco as well as significantly decrease the amount of positive imagery that makes these products appealing to them.

It would not restrict the use of tobacco products by adults.

Please write your comments to the FDA by ~~November 9, 1995~~ ^{January 7, 1996}. Comments need not be lengthy or technical, but the FDA is seeking thoughtful statements. State whatever you feel- are the regulations going too far, not far enough, or is there another angle to be considered? You may use the enclosed post card to write your comments, just add your name and address and drop it in the mail.

The back side of this sheet contains a brief summary of the proposed regulations. Since public funds may be used only to describe the regulations, we cannot recommend any position. However, you may request more information by calling us at 899-8623 for a more detailed analysis (4 pages, but no recommendations). You may also order the entire set of regulations from the Government Printing Office at 202-512-0132. Each set costs \$8.00.

If you have another moment, write your ideas about youth and tobacco to your Senator or Representative, since many new laws are emerging in Congress, from both the tobacco industry side and the public health side. Let your lawmaker know how you would like him or her to vote. Their addresses can be found in your newspaper, the front of the phone book or by calling the library.

Thank you for participating with your comments.

(See reverse side for summary of FDA regulations).