

**ORDINANCE
TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN
REGULATING SMOKING ON ALL PUBLICLY OWNED
YOUTH ATHLETIC FIELDS
WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN**

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WHEREAS, the New Jersey Legislature has enacted N.J.S.A. 26:3D-55 et seq. finding that tobacco use and smoking is a leading cause of preventable disease and death in the State of New Jersey and that tobacco smoke constitutes a substantial health hazard to the non-smoking majority of the public; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Franklin maintains and owns certain athletic fields which are utilized by various youth sports organizations, including, but not limited to the Little League, the Franklin Township Soccer Club, Delsea Youth Football, and other organizations dedicated to the promotion of the health, fitness and well being of the youth of Franklin Township; and

WHEREAS, cigarette smoking on the sidelines or in the vicinity of the youth athletic fields sets a bad example for young athletes, fouls the air locally, may constitute annoyance to other parents and/or spectators and constitutes a source of litter; and

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin believes it is in the best interest of the residents of the Township of Franklin to regulate tobacco smoking in, on and around youth athletic fields as follows:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin, County of Gloucester and State of New Jersey that:

1. The use of tobacco for smoking purposes in, on and around publicly owned youth athletic fields be and is hereby prohibited except in the accordance with the terms and conditions of this chapter.
2. Smoking shall be permitted only in such designated smoking areas as are delineated on publicly owned youth recreation fields.
3. Violators of this chapter shall be subject to a fine of not less than One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its final passage, adoption and publication in accordance with State law.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

CAROLYN K. TOY, CLERK

BY: _____
PATRICK DOUGHERTY, MAYOR

CERTIFICATION

I, Carolyn K. Toy, Clerk of the Township of Franklin the County of Gloucester, do hereby certify that the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of an Ordinance introduced by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin at a meeting held on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 with a subsequent second public reading held on September 13, 2011 at which time any person interested therein was given an opportunity to be heard.

Carolyn K. Toy

