

★ **Roll Call Number**

Agenda Item Number

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Date September 24, 2007

Communication from Mayor Frank Cownie and Council Member Christine Hensley to approve the attached resolution from the American Lung Association to encourage the General Assembly of the State of Iowa to pass legislation enabling communities to establish policies for the local control of smoking in public places.

Moved by _____ to receive, file and approve

COUNCIL ACTION	YEAS	NAYS	PASS	ABSENT
COWNIE				
COLEMAN				
HENSLEY				
KIERNAN				
MAHAFFEY				
MEYER				
VLISSIS				
TOTAL				

CERTIFICATE

I, DIANE RAUH, City Clerk of said City hereby certify that at a meeting of the City Council of said City of Des Moines, held on the above date, among other proceedings the above was adopted.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the day and year first above written.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVED

Mayor

City Clerk

Local Control Resolution

WHEREAS, numerous studies have found that tobacco smoke is a major contributor to indoor air pollution, and that breathing secondhand smoke (also known as environmental tobacco smoke) is a cause of disease in healthy nonsmokers, including heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease, and lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke is a Class A carcinogen containing over 4,000 chemicals, 200 of which are known poisons and 50 of which are known to cause cancer; and

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke kills 50,000 to 60,000 Americans every year from heart disease and lung cancer; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control has issued a warning that anyone at risk for heart disease should avoid entering smoke-filled environments; and

WHEREAS, employees should not be forced to risk their health through exposure to dangerous and deadly toxins in their workplace; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Surgeon General, the only way to fully protect employees and the public from the hazards of secondhand smoke is to eliminate smoking by creating smoke-free environments; and

WHEREAS, local and state governments throughout the country have successfully passed smoke-free air laws to protect people against the harmful effects of secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Des Moines IA desires to protect the health, comfort and working environment of its residents and employees as they may be affected by smoking in various public places in the City; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of the State of Iowa has not provided cities the legal authority through legislation to pass local smoke-free policies, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Mayor and Council of the City of _____ hereby request the Iowa General Assembly and the Governor of the State of Iowa pass legislation allowing local control of smoking in public places; and be it

FINALLY RESOLVED, that this resolution and policy statement be included as an appendix to the City's Administrative Code.