

**TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA PROHIBITING
THE USE OF TOBACCO IN CERTAIN AREAS OF TOWNSHIP PARKS
AND PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION**

WHEREAS, the Township of O'Hara Council acknowledges that second hand tobacco smoke poses a threat to the health, safety and welfare of adults and minor children; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General has determined that there is no safe level of exposure to tobacco smoke pollution; and

WHEREAS, second hand tobacco smoke is responsible for over 50,000 deaths among non-smokers each year; and

WHEREAS, tobacco kills more Americans each year than alcohol, cocaine, heroin, homicide, suicide, accidents, fire and AIDS combined; and

WHEREAS, 80% of smokers started smoking before 18 years of age and the average initiation age is 12 years old; and

WHEREAS, the Township of O'Hara Council desires to discourage tobacco use and promote the public health by making certain areas in Township Parks "tobacco free zones."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Township of O'Hara Council and it is hereby ordained and enacted by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1

Designated Tobacco-Free Areas: That the areas of parks where children are present including areas with wood carpet chips at Meadow Park, George Sacco Park, Beulah Frey Park, Raymond A. Schafer, Jr. Memorial Park, Squaw Valley Park and Woodland Park in the Township of O'Hara be designated tobacco-free and the use of any tobacco product in any form shall be prohibited hereafter.

SECTION 2

Young Lungs at Play signs or other appropriate signage will be posted in delineated tobacco-free areas.

SECTION 3

Enforcement: Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance or any regulation or rule provided herein shall upon conviction thereof in any summary proceeding before any Magistrate be sentenced to pay a fine not in excess of \$500.00 and costs of prosecution. Council hereby authorizes its elected and appointed officials to take whatever steps are necessary for full participation in and compliance with the *Young Lungs at Play Program*.

SECTION 4

The community shall be notified of this Ordinance and its effective date of December 1, 2013.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 12th day of November, 2013 by Council vote of 4 to 1.

TOWNSHIP OF O'HARA

ATTEST:

Julie A. Jakubec, CPA, CGMA
Township Manager

Robert John Smith
President of Council

First Reading Vogel - Rothert 4 - 1 10/08/2013

(Mr. Bodkin voted no.)

Second Reading

& Adoption Frankowski - Vogel 4 - 1 11/12/2013

Advertised 11/21/2013

Codified _____

(Mr. Bodkin voted no.)