

## **Town of North Berwick Tobacco/Smoke-Free Resolution**

A resolution to promote the health and safety of North Berwick area residents, especially children and youth, by establishing all North Berwick properties are designated as a Tobacco/Smoke-Free Zone.

WHEREAS the Town of North Berwick, Maine is a safe and healthy place to live and work; and

WHEREAS second hand smoke contains many harmful chemicals and cancer causing agents, and is a serious health risk to humans, especially infants, children and pregnant women; and increases a non-smoker's risk for asthma, heart disease and lung cancer; and

WHEREAS chewing tobacco causes many harmful chemicals and cancer causing agents, and their use is associated with cancers of the mouth, gums, tongue, and throat; and

WHEREAS adults and older youth are some of the most influential people in a child's life and a tobacco free resolution will create an environment where positive, healthy role-modeling for youth will take place: and

WHEREAS second hand smoke levels in outdoor public places can reach levels as high as those found in indoor facilities: and

WHEREAS smoking and tobacco use in and around the Town of North Berwick Parks and Recreation facilities sends contradictory messages to young people who are participating in activities beneficial to their health, while at the same time being exposed to the use of tobacco products and second hand smoke; and

WHEREAS the purpose of the Town of North Berwick Parks and Recreation Department is to provide quality recreation and leisure experiences that enhance the quality of life for the citizens of North Berwick, including providing a safe environment for these experiences; and

WHEREAS tobacco use and exposure to second hand smoke are contrary to enhancing the quality of life and providing safe environments;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of North Berwick does hereby declare that all North Berwick properties are designated tobacco/smoke free zones including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, cigarillos, bidis, kreteks; all smokeless and dissolvable tobacco products, including but not limited to, dip, spit/spit-less, chew, snuff, snus and nasal tobacco; and any product intended to mimic tobacco, containing tobacco flavoring or delivering nicotine, including but not limited to, electronic nicotine delivery systems, e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-hookahs, vape pen or any other product name or descriptor.

Smoking includes inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe or joint, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation, including hookahs and marijuana, whether natural or synthetic in any manner or in any form. "Smoking" also includes the use of an electronic smoking device such as juuling, which creates an aerosol or vapor, in any manner or in any form, or the use of any oral smoking device for the purpose of circumventing the prohibition of smoking in this resolution. Non-smoked marijuana products including, but not limited to, edibles and dabs are also included in this resolution.

Be it further resolved that the Town of North Berwick Board of Selectmen is authorized to take reasonable steps such as signage and other communication tools to achieve compliance with the tobacco/smoke free-zone established hereunder.

Original Resolution approved on June 4, 2010 by the North Berwick Parks and Recreation Commission and on October 19, 2010 by the Board of Selectmen

Amended Resolution approved on July 10, 2018 by the Board of Selectmen