

RESOLUTION 2006-171
RESOLUTION ENCOURAGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO ENACT
STATEWIDE SMOKING REGULATIONS

WHEREAS, it has been well established beyond any scientific doubt that tobacco, including secondhand smoke causes disease, disability, and premature death; and

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2006, the Village of Vernon Hills approved Ordinance 2006-42 regulating smoking in public places, which became effective October 1, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Trustee James Schultz gave testimony before the Senate Executive Committee, along with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, health advocates, smokers rights groups and businesses on the pros and cons of a statewide ban; and

WHEREAS, more than 30 Illinois municipalities have adopted smoking bans; and

WHEREAS, the effect of smoking regulations should not be dependent upon local jurisdictional boundaries; and

WHEREAS, having multiple smoking regulations in jurisdictions causes confusion concerning enforcement; and

WHEREAS, statewide smoking regulations would provide a level playing field for business.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE VILLAGE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF VERNON HILLS, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

That the President and Village Board of Vernon Hills urge the State Legislature to establish smoking regulations that are applicable to the entire State of Illinois. These regulations should prohibit smoking in public places. Further, that the State Legislature would allow for municipalities to enact stricter regulations than those imposed by the State of Illinois.

Dated the 21st of November 2006.

Adopted by roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Koch, Marquardt, Schultz, Hebda, Byrne

NAYS: 0-None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: 2-Schwartz, Williams

Roger L. Byrne, Village President

PASSED: 11/21/2006

APPROVED: 11/21/2006

ATTEST:

Linda Pelletier, Deputy Village Clerk

