

ORDINANCE NUMBER 23-2

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO REQUIRE 'SUSIE Q'S BIKE PARK' A TOBACCO FREE PARK.

Whereas:

- ✓ The village of New Lexington is committed to providing safe and healthy environments.
- ✓ Tobacco is the leading cause of preventable death and disease in the U.S.
- ✓ 41,000 people in the U.S. die each year from exposure to second-hand smoke, mostly women and children.
- ✓ The Surgeon General has determined that there is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke.
- ✓ Evidence suggests that 100% smoke-free environments play a powerful role in reducing the social acceptability of smoking, leading to decreased smoking initiation among youth.
- ✓ Tobacco consumed in outdoor public spaces are often discarded on the ground as an environmental blight, diminishing the beauty of recreational areas, requiring additional maintenance expenses to clean up and posing fire risk as well as risk to human and animal health through potential ingestion and contamination of water sources.
- ✓ The village of New Lexington believes tobacco use is detrimental to the public's health and has determined that prohibiting the use of tobacco products, including electronic delivery devices in Susie Q's Bike Park serves to protect the public's health, safety and welfare.
- ✓ The proposed ordinance requires no tobacco use signs to be posted in Susie Q's Bike Park.
- ✓ The Perry County Health Department will provide signage and materials for signs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW LEXINGTON, OHIO AS FOLLOWS

Section 1: The Village of New Lexington hereby approves the Ordinance that Susie Q's Bike Park will be a tobacco free park.

PASSED 2-6-23

MAYOR 

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL 

ATTEST: CLERK OF COUNCIL 