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

Attest:

William F. Peard, Mayor

Jeffrey M. Koolstra, City Administrator/Clerk

ROLL CALL VOTE

Donald L. Bailey, Jr.   X
Isaiah McGee          X
Jeff Mertz           X
Darlene Stanton      X
Mike Watts           X

THE CITY OF WAUKEE, IOWA

RESOLUTION 07-176

REQUESTING THE IOWA GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF IOWA PASS LEGISLATION ALLOWING LOCAL CONTROL OF SMOKING IN PUBLIC PLACES

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF WAUKEE, IOWA

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 Waukee 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, on this, the 10th day of September, 2007, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Waukee 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