

ORDINANCE NO. 115-2005

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE, BERKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, PROHIBITING THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AT ALL RECREATION FACILITIES IN THE TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE

WHEREAS, smoking is widely recognized as the single most important cause of preventable human disease, including lung cancer, heart disease and emphysema and breathing second-hand smoke can cause the same health problems in non-smokers; and

WHEREAS, children who are regularly exposed to second-hand smoke are more likely to develop asthma, allergies, bronchitis, colds, coughs, sore throats, ear infections, pneumonia, and reduced lung function; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this Ordinance is to promote the general health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania and to conform to the requirements of the Outdoor Air Initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. Definitions.

Recreation Facilities. Any indoor or outdoor recreation area owned or operated by the Township of Centre, including, but not limited to, bleachers, restrooms, concession areas, dugouts, open areas, playgrounds, ball fields, etc.

Smoking and Tobacco Products. The Burning of any type of lighted pipe, cigar, cigarette or any other smoking equipment, whether filled with tobacco or any other type of material. Tobacco products include dipping and chewing tobacco.

Township. The Township of Centre, Berks County, Pennsylvania.

SECTION 2. Tobacco Products Prohibited. Smoking and the use of Tobacco Products are prohibited at all Recreation Facilities located in the Township. All coaches, spectators and participants must observe this tobacco-free Ordinance.

SECTION 3. Administration and Enforcement. The Board of Supervisors of the Township of Centre shall be responsible to observe as well as influence, guide and enforce the implementation of this Ordinance. The Board of Supervisors shall review complaints,

concerns or requests for clarification and advice regarding this Ordinance. Signs shall be posted at Recreation Facilities stating that Tobacco Products are prohibited.

SECTION 4. Violations. Anyone who smokes or uses Tobacco Products at any Recreation Facility located in the Township shall be requested to extinguish the cigarette, cigar, pipe, etc. and will be informed of this Ordinance.

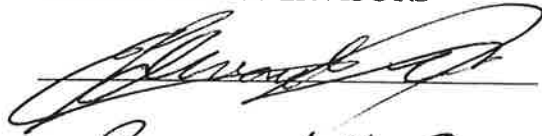
SECTION 5. Severability. If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections or parts of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors of the Township that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal or invalid sentence, clause, section or part thereof not been included herein.

SECTION 6. All ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as they are inconsistent with this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days from the date of enactment.

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 9 day of May, 2005.

TOWNSHIP OF CENTRE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Barry L. Ford

Clair L. Miller

Attest: Deanna M. ...  
Secretary