



MEMORANDUM

City of Angels City Council

Date: March 18, 2025

To: City of Angels City Council

From: Amy Augustine, AICP – City Planner

Re: RESOLUTION: 25-13 DECLARING UTICA/LIGHTNER MINE PARK A TOBACCO FREE/NON-VAPING ZONE AND DIRECTING STAFF TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE TO ENFORCE THE POLICY

Recommendation:

Adopt Resolution 25-13.

Background:

The City of Angels has, in the past, adopted declarations discouraging the use of tobacco products at Utica Park. Since the establishment of a Utica Park Community Design Review Committee, representatives of the Calaveras County Tobacco Prevention Program have, from time to time, attended the meetings and encouraged the City to establish the Park as a Tobacco Free/Vaping Free area.

City Staff met with representatives of the program at the park on February 25, 2025, to tour the park and identify locations where appropriate signage and educational materials could be posted identifying the park as Tobacco Free/Vaping Free and identifying programs where the community could get additional information and assistance.

As part of that effort, representatives requested that the City indicate its support for making the park a tobacco free/vaping free zone. This resolution will fulfill that purpose.

Strategic Plan Alignment:

A3 Conservation and Open Space - Protect the health and safety of people and property in the city from natural and man-made hazards

The proposed action will enhance public health for adults and children using the Park.

Discussion:

Approving this item will allow signage and educational materials prepared by the Calaveras County Health Department to be posted at the park declaring it a tobacco free/vaping free zone. The resolution also requests the City Council direct staff to prepare an ordinance establishing the park (or all city parks) as tobacco/vape free zones. Establishing an ordinance would allow for enforcement of the City policy established by this resolution.

Financial Impact:

The Calaveras County Health Department will bear the costs of park signage. The staff costs to prepare and ordinance, publish legal notices, present it to the Planning Commission for consideration

and twice before the City Council is estimated to be \$1,000 in general funds. This amount is currently available in the City Planner's budget and no budget amendment is requested.

Environmental Evaluation:

The proposed resolution is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and state and city guidelines for the implementation of CEQA pursuant to Section 15322, Class 22 of CEQA (Educational Programs Involving No Physical Changes) which states that the adoption of an education program involving no physical alteration to the affected area is not subject to CEQA. The proposed resolution authorizes the implementation of an educational program at the park. Therefore, the resolution is exempt. An environmental determination relative to the proposed ordinance will be included at such time as the ordinance is drafted and presented to the Planning Commission and City Council.

Attachments:

A. Resolution 25-13