

ORDINANCE NO. MC-1063

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 OF THE HOMEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE CONCERNING LICENSING AND REGULATION OF TOBACCO SALES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF HOMEWOOD.

WHEREAS, cigarette smoking is dangerous to human health;

WHEREAS, there exists substantial scientific evidence that the use of tobacco products causes cancer, heart disease and various other medical disorders;

WHEREAS, the Surgeon General of the United States has declared that nicotine addiction from tobacco is similar to addiction to cocaine, and is the most widespread example of drug dependence in this country;

WHEREAS, the director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse concluded that the majority of the 320,000 Americans who die each year from cigarette smoking became addicted to nicotine as adolescents before the age of legal consent;

WHEREAS, the National Institute on Drug Abuse found that cigarette smoking precedes and may be predictive of illicit drug use by adolescents;

WHEREAS, the present legislative scheme of prohibiting sales of tobacco products to persons under 21 years of age has proven ineffective in preventing such persons from using tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, the enactment of this article directly pertains to and is in furtherance of the health, welfare, and safety of the residents of the village, particularly those residents under 21 years of age.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Homewood, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

SECTION ONE - AMENDMENT TO THE HOMEWOOD MUNICIPAL CODE:

Chapter 4, Article III "Tobacco" is amended by deletion Article III in its entirety and insertion of the revised Article III attached to this ordinance as Exhibit A.

SECTION TWO - EFFECTIVE DATE:

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in accordance with law.

PASSED and APPROVED this 8th day of August, 2022.

Village President

ATTEST:

Village Clerk

Ayes: _____ Nays: _____ Abstain: _____ Absent: _____