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Council File Number

[07-1790](#)

Title

ORDINANCE / SMOKING / FARMER'S MARKETS

Subject

Motion - Every day, over 4,000 children in the United States smoke their first cigarette and 2,000 teenagers become daily smokers. More than 440,000 people die every year from tobacco-related diseases, making it the nation's leading cause of preventable death. Furthermore, secondhand smoke is responsible for an estimated 38,000 deaths among non-smokers each year. Secondhand smoke exposure causes as many as 300,000 children in the United States under the age of 18 months to suffer lower respiratory tract infections, including bronchitis and pneumonia; exacerbates childhood asthma; and increases the risk of acute, chronic, middle-ear infections in children. The Environmental Protection Agency has found secondhand smoke to be a risk to public health and has classified it as a group A carcinogen, the most dangerous class of carcinogens. The City of Los Angeles has been in the forefront of protecting people from the dangers of secondhand smoke through the enactment and enforcement of ordinances regulating smoking in elevators, supermarkets, offices and restaurants. In July 2002, the City banned smoking within 25 feet of playground equipment, bleachers, backstops, sports courts and fields, and picnic areas; and in June 2004, the City further banned smoking on City beaches. Since the enactment of these ordinances, other cities within the County and across the State have begun to ban smoking in parks and other public areas. In March 2007, the City Council requested that the City Attorney submit an ordinance which would prohibit smoking in City parks. Children and adults frequent Farmers' Markets in the City of Los Angeles on a daily basis. Farmers' Markets often take place in small areas where patrons could easily be exposed to secondhand smoke. While smoking is prohibited in several public places, the City should do more to protect the health of the public by banning smoking in Farmers' Markets. THEREFORE MOVE, that the City Council, REQUEST the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance which would prohibit smoking at City permitted Farmers' Markets.

Last Change Date

01/09/2009

Expiration Date

09/03/2010

Mover

WENDY GREUEL

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Action History for Council File [07-1790](#)

Date

Activity

10/03/2008 File closed.

10/02/2008 City Clerk transmitted file to Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee Clerk to verify file content.

09/22/2008 Mayor transmitted file to City Clerk. Ordinance effective date: November 2, 2008.

09/11/2008 City Clerk transmitted file to Mayor. Last day for Mayor to act is September 22, 2008.

09/10/2008 Council adopted Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee report; ordinance adopted.

09/03/2008 Document(s) submitted by Councilmember Greuel, as follows:

Communication from Councilmember Greuel, dated September 3, 2008, addressed to Councilmember LaBonge, relative to anti-smoking ordinances.

09/03/2008 Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee scheduled item for Council on September 10, 2008.

09/03/2008 Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee approved item(s) .

Archive History

6-6-07 - This day's Council session

6-6-07 - Ref to Arts, Parks, Health and Aging and Public Works Committees

6-6-07 - File to Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee Clerk

7-24-07 - Communication submitted in Committee from Councilmember Huizar, dated July 18, 2007, relative to prohibition on smoking at City permitted Farmer's Market - is attached to Council file.

7-24-07 - Communication submitted in Committee from Councilmember Greuel, dated July 18, 2007, relative to restricting smoking in Farmer's Market - is attached to Council file.

7-25-07 - File to Public Works Committee Clerk

9-18-07 - Council Action - Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee report ADOPTED to REQUEST the City Attorney to PREPARE and PRESENT an Ordinance which would prohibit smoking at City permitted Farmers' Markets.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer (CAO) nor the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) has completed a financial analysis of this report. (Public Works Committee waived consideration of this matter)

9-21-07 - File to Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee Clerk OK

9-27-07 - File in files

7-11-08 - For ref - Communication from the City Attorney R08-0239, dated July 10, 2008, relative to a draft ordinance amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) to prohibit smoking in City permitted farmer's markets.

7-11-08 - Ref to Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee

7-11-08 - File to Arts, Parks, Health and Aging Committee Clerk