

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-113

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS, FLORIDA AMENDING SECTION 11-29 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS IN ORDER TO FURTHER RESTRICT SMOKING IN CITY PARKS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, tobacco smoke contains over 7,000 chemicals, including hundreds that are toxic and up to 69 that are known to cause cancer; and

WHEREAS, more than 480,000 deaths annually in the United States are caused by cigarette smoking, with exposure to secondhand smoke causing an estimated 41,000 deaths each year; and

WHEREAS, exposure to secondhand smoke from tobacco and vapor can cause numerous health problems and has been casually linked to cancer and other fatal diseases; and

WHEREAS, studies suggest that secondhand smoke in crowded outdoor areas can cause concentrations of air contaminants comparable to those caused by indoor smoking; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 386 of the Florida Statutes, entitled the “Florida Clean Air Act”, is designed to protect the public from the health hazards of secondhand tobacco smoke and vapor; and

WHEREAS, Section 386.209 of the Florida Statutes grants municipalities the right to further restrict smoking within the boundaries of public parks owned by the municipality; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that amending the Code of Ordinances to align with Florida Statutes promotes the health, safety, and welfare of the community and is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Coral Springs,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE
CITY OF CORAL SPRINGS, FLORIDA:**

SECTION 1. The foregoing “Whereas” clauses are hereby ratified and confirmed as being true and correct and are hereby made a specific part of this Ordinance upon adoption hereof.

SECTION 2. Section 11-29 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Coral Springs is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 11-29. ~~Smoking is prohibited in outdoor areas in city parks.~~ Smoking prohibited within the boundaries of city parks.

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person to smoke ~~on playing fields and playgrounds, bleacher areas, dugouts, around team seating areas, concession areas and restrooms,~~ within the boundaries of any city park owned and operated by the City of Coral Springs. This prohibition shall not apply to unfiltered cigars.
- (b) A code enforcement or law enforcement officer may issue a citation to any person in violation of the provisions of this section.
- (c) Penalty. Any person issued a citation pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be charged with a civil infraction. A fine as provided for in section 1-8.1 shall be assessed for each violation of this section.
- (d) ~~This section shall not apply to any person smoking within a motor vehicle that is within a city park, whether or not located in a parking lot.~~ Notwithstanding subsection (a), the Director of Parks and Recreation may in their sole discretion designate smoking areas in the following parks: Mullins Park, Cypress Park, North Community Park, Betty Stradling Park, and Sportsplex.

SECTION 3. Repeal of Conflicting Ordinances. All prior ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4. Severability. If any section, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, then said holding shall in no way affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5. Inclusion in Code. It is the intention of the City Commission of the City of Coral Springs, Florida, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the Land Development Code of the City of Coral Springs; and that the sections of this ordinance may be renumbered or re-lettered and the word "Ordinance" may be changed to "section," "article," or such other appropriate word or phrase in order to accomplish such intentions.

SECTION 6. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon the approval of the City Commission.

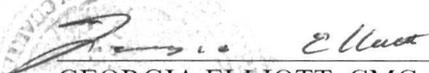
PASSED ON FIRST READING THIS 26 DAY OF June, 2024.

PASSED ON SECOND READING THIS 7 DAY OF August, 2024.



 SCOTT BROOK, MAYOR

ATTEST:

 GEORGIA ELLIOTT, CMC, CITY CLERK

Unanimous
 Motion / 2nd _____

Yes No

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—	—	VICE MAYOR CERRA	—	—
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