

# A Resolution

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## **SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO ELIMINATE THE USE OF E-CIGARETTES, VAPING AND OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS BY TEENS**

**WHEREAS**, after decades of decline in teen cigarette smoking rates we have seen a recent dramatic rise in the use of e-cigarettes by children and teens leading to a new generation of tobacco products addicting a new generation of users to tobacco and nicotine; and

**WHEREAS**, one in four teens are using e-cigarettes and one vape pod contains as much addictive nicotine as a pack of cigarettes; and

**WHEREAS**, ninety percent of adult smokers first try a tobacco product by age 18 and the tobacco industry, including the e-cigarette companies, spend billions marketing directly to teens; and

**WHEREAS**, the short-term and long-term health risks to teens using e-cigarettes are still being revealed and recently have been linked to deaths and serious respiratory illnesses requiring hospitalization; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Fort Worth is committed to prioritizing the health and well-being of individuals and families; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council supports the expanded effort of the Fort Worth Independent School District and all area school districts in efforts to raise awareness of this growing teen health crisis; and their efforts to end all tobacco and nicotine addiction.

### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS, THAT:**

1. That the City of Fort Worth will support all school district efforts to ensure that e-cigarettes and vaping are fully addressed in a manner that focuses on improving health outcomes for every child in every school in our community; and
2. That we call on our community to support efforts to eliminate tobacco use by teens and achieve the goal of assuring our youth have the opportunity to live a longer, healthier life in a city committed to prioritizing health and well-being for all.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Mary Kayser, City Secretary