



Prohibiting smoking within proximity to public facilities
and the delivery of tobacco products to minors
in accordance with R.I General Laws 23-20.9-1

Be it ordained that,

The Revised Code of Ordinances, City of Central Falls, Rhode island, is hereby amended by adding the following to Chapter 26 Article II – Offenses Involving Property Rights; an Ordinance prohibiting smoking on or in proximity to schools, child care centers, playgrounds/parks and prohibiting the delivery of tobacco products to minors.

Section 1. It is the intent of the City of Central Falls to create a tobacco free environment for schools, childcare centers; playgrounds and parks within the City of Central Falls.

Section 2. Smoking Prohibition. Smoking and the use of tobacco products is prohibited in or on school grounds, child care facilities, playgrounds and parks within the City of Central Falls, to a distance including 25 feet of any entrance into or exit out of said buildings, including athletic fields, childcare facilities, playgrounds, parks and public events involving youth, families and seniors.

Section 3. Delivery of tobacco products to persons under the age of (18) eighteen is prohibited in accordance with R.I.G.L. 11-9-13 and 11-9-131. It shall be unlawful for any person to deliver any tobacco product or snuff to a person under the age of (18) eighteen years, nor shall any person under the age of (18) eighteen purchase any tobacco product snuff.

Section 4. Signs to be erected. The Public Works Department is hereby directed to cause conspicuous signs giving notice that the above-referenced properties and facilities are Tobacco Free Zones.

Section 5. Violations and Penalties. Any person who violates this Ordinance shall be deemed to be creating a public nuisance, and violators shall be punishable to a fine of not less than \$100.00 as well as subject to punishment in accordance with Section 1-12 of the Revised Code of Ordinances of the City of Central Falls and or prosecuted in accordance with state statues where applicable.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any violations of any provision of this Ordinance committed by any person under the age of (18) eighteen shall be referred to the Municipal Court. A first offense shall be punishable by a fine not less than \$100.00, or 20 hours community service. Any subsequent offense shall require successful completion of a tobacco cessation program in addition to any fines imposed.

Section 6. Effective date and Codification. This Ordinance shall become effective upon passage. It is the intention of the City and it is hereby being ordained, that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made part of the Revised Ordinances, City of Central Falls, Rhode Island, and the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish such intention.

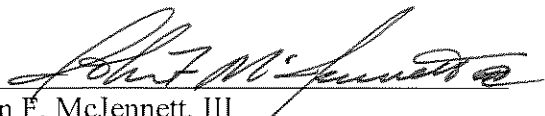
Intro/First Reading

Dated: September 5, 2012

Final Passage/Second Reading

Dated: October 10, 2012

Approved:



John F. McJennett, III
In his capacity as State-Appointed Receiver
of the City of Central Falls, Rhode Island



Dated