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Docket Memo

Councilwoman

Docketed by Donna Travis Session Date March 5, 2018

Resolution _____ Ordinance X

Tentative Title: Amendment to Ordinance Prohibiting Smoking in all schools

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including vaping in schools, and
also fines

Information

Please attach pertinent information.

**CHAPTER 40
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS AND OFFENSES**

No. 2-28-188 Date 6/17/08
Approved: *[Signature]* Mayor

**AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING SMOKING IN ALL SCHOOLS AND
ON SCHOOL GROUNDS AND PROHIBITING THE DELIVERY OF
TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO MINORS**

Be it ordained by the City of Warwick:

SECTION I. Chapter 40 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warwick is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

Sec. 40-30. Smoking prohibited in public schools and on school grounds.

It shall be unlawful for any person to smoke or use tobacco products in any public school building or on upon school property. Violation of this section shall be punishable pursuant to sec. 1-4 of the Code of Ordinances under the jurisdiction of the municipal court.

All violations of this section alleged to have been committed by any person under the age of eighteen years shall be referred to the juvenile hearing board. First offenders shall be required to successfully complete a tobacco abuse counseling program, the cost of which shall be borne by the offender. Any subsequent offense or failure to successfully complete the tobacco abuse counseling program imposed for a first offense shall be punishable by a fine of not less than one hundred dollars, or twenty hours of community service.

SECTION II. Chapter 40 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Warwick is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

Sec. 40-31. Delivery of tobacco products to persons under sixteen years of age.

It shall be unlawful for any person to deliver any tobacco product to a person under the age of eighteen years. Violation of this section shall be punishable pursuant to sec. 1-4 of the Code of Ordinances under the jurisdiction of the municipal court.

SECTION III. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as prescribed by law.

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Dear Parents,

Recently your child was issued a violation for "Use of Tobacco by minors" RIGL, 11-9-24. This offense is punishable by up to thirty hours of community service or participation in a substance abuse program if it were to be adjudicated in the Rhode Island Family Court.

However, the Rhode Island Family Court is a court of rehabilitation. Pursuant to this, the Warwick Police along with the Warwick Substance Abuse Task Force have established an alternative to the court appearance. This consists of a one hour presentation by the task force cessation specialist related to the ill effects of tobacco usage on a persons well being. This program is an "eye opening" experience which may assist parents in helping their children to make wise decisions when it comes to tobacco use.

This class will be using scientific based principles which may include guest speakers who have survived cancer. It will offer great insight into the dangers of using tobacco products. It takes a positive approach and is a worthwhile alternative to the family court hearing.

At this time your child is mandated to attend the class on the following dates:

Class site: Buttrick's Community Center
3027 West Shore Road
Warwick, Rhode Island 02888

Parents must remain with their child for the class.
The cost of the class is twenty dollars to be paid in full.

Please contact Patricia St. Amant at 488-4108 to confirm your date.

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