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CITY OF PATASKALA

ORDINANCE 2019-4351

AN ORDINANCE CREATING, ESTABLISHING, AND ADOPTING SECTION 955.14 (PROHIBITING TOBACCO USE IN ALL RECREATIONAL AREAS) OF CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PATASKALA

WHEREAS, Council for the City of Pataskala believes tobacco use, and the secondhand smoke generated from tobacco use, near children and adults engaging in or watching outdoor activities at City-owned or operated recreational facilities can cause serious health concerns, including coronary heart disease, stroke, and lung cancer. In children, secondhand smoke also can cause severe asthma attacks, respiratory infections, and ear infections; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pataskala has a unique opportunity to create and sustain an environment that supports a non-tobacco norm through a tobacco-free zone policy, rule enforcement, and adult peer role modeling; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the serious health concerns, cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products once consumed in public space become litter and require additional maintenance expenses. This litter diminishes the beauty and enjoyability of the City's park/recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, because the Park and Recreation Board believes the creation of tobacco free zones in City parks serves to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of, and visitors to, the City of Pataskala, it recommends Council for the City of Pataskala adopt these regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF PATASKALA, COUNTY OF LICKING, STATE OF OHIO, A MAJORITY OF ALL MEMBERS ELECTED OR APPOINTED THERETO CONCURRING, THAT:

Section 1: Council for the City of Pataskala hereby creates, establishes, and adopts Section 955.14 (Tobacco Use Prohibited) of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Pataskala, as set forth in the document attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2: All prior legislation, or any parts thereof, which is/are inconsistent with this Ordinance is/are hereby repealed as to the inconsistent parts thereof.

Section 3: It is hereby found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of Council and that all deliberations of the Council and any of the decision-making bodies of the

City of Pataskala which resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of the State of Ohio.

Section 4: This Ordinance shall become effective from and after the earliest period allowed by the Charter of the City of Pataskala.

ATTEST:

Kathy M. Hoskinson, Clerk

Michael W. Compton, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Brian M. Zets, Law Director