

ORDINANCE NO. 204

AN ORDINANCE OF NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP, BEAVER COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA PROHIBITING TOBACCO, NICOTINE, AND ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION AT GREEN VALLEY PARK, FREEDOM AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND ALL PROPERTY OWNED BY NEW SEWICKLEY TOWNSHIP AND PRESCRIBING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

WHEREAS, Green Valley Park, Freedom Area School District, and the public property owned by the Township serve to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of New Sewickley Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township acknowledges that tobacco, nicotine, and alcohol pose a threat to the health, safety and welfare of adults and minor children; and

WHEREAS, secondhand tobacco smoke is responsible for over 50,000 deaths among nonsmokers each year and the U.S. Surgeon General has determined that there is no safe level of exposure to tobacco smoke pollution; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of New Sewickley Township desires to discourage tobacco, nicotine, and alcohol use on Township property and promote the public health by making Green Valley Park, Freedom Area School District, and all property owned by the Township "tobacco, nicotine, and alcohol free zones."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Township of New Sewickley, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, and it is hereby enacted and ordained by the authority of the same as follows:

SECTION 1. **Designated Tobacco, Nicotine, and Alcohol Free Areas:** That the areas of Green Valley Park, the property, schools, and other buildings belonging to the Freedom Area School District that are located within New Sewickley Township, and all other property owned by the Township of New Sewickley, Beaver County, Pennsylvania. be designated tobacco, nicotine, and alcohol free and the use of any tobacco, nicotine, or alcoholic products in any form shall be prohibited hereafter.

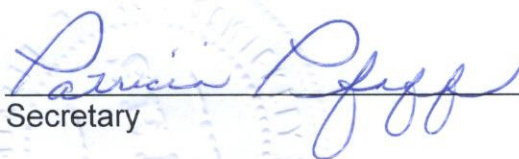
SECTION 2. **Signs:** Appropriate signs will be posted delineating the tobacco, nicotine, and alcohol free areas.

SECTION 3: **Enforcement:** In the event of a violation of this ordinance, the Township may initiate civil enforcement proceedings before a district justice where the fine shall not exceed \$600 per violation. Any person who violates or permits the violation of this Ordinance shall pay the fine plus all court costs, including reasonable attorney fees incurred by the Township. In addition, the Township may commence an action before a district justice in the same manner provided for the enforcement of summary offenses under the Pennsylvania Rules of Criminal Procedure where the fine may not exceed \$1,000 per violation and may prescribe imprisonment to the extent allowed by law for the punishment of summary offenses.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 3rd day of May, 2016.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP OF NEW SEWICKLEY



Secretary



Chairman, Board of Supervisors