



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE  
City Commission Agenda Memo  
REGULAR MEETING**

**#20-0960**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Alain E. Boileau, City Attorney

**DATE:** December 2, 2020

**TITLE:** Resolution Urging the Florida Legislature to Enact Legislation to Prohibit  
the Smoking of Tobacco on Public Beaches and Providing Counties and  
Municipalities Authority to Issue Civil Penalties and Citations –  
**(Commission Districts 1, 2 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a resolution urging the Florida Legislature to enact legislation to prohibit the smoking of tobacco on public beaches and providing counties and municipalities authority to issue civil penalties and citations.

**Background**

The City of Fort Lauderdale (the "City") recognizes that the use of tobacco has devastating health and environmental consequences. As of 2018, nearly 14% of U.S. adults aged 18 years or older currently smoke cigarettes. It causes nearly half a million deaths annually. There is no risk-free level of secondhand smoke exposure and approximately 2.5 million nonsmokers have died from health-related illnesses caused by exposure to secondhand smoke since 1964. According to the Ocean Conservancy, cigarette butts are the most common waste item collected from beach cleanups.

The City would benefit from legislation that prohibits the smoking of tobacco on public beaches within its jurisdiction and the authority to issue civil penalties and citations.

**Resource Impact**

The adoption of this Resolution has no direct fiscal impact on the City of Fort Lauderdale.

**Attachment**

Exhibit 1 - Resolution

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