

**EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**CHESTER COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2012-09**

**A RESOLUTION OF EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP, CHESTER COUNTY IN THE  
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ESTABLISHING TOBACCO FREE ZONES AT  
TOWNSHIP PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS.**

**WHEREAS**, tobacco use may be the single most preventable cause of death and disease in the United States, and

**WHEREAS**, secondhand smoke contains many harmful chemicals and cancer causing agents, and is a serious health risk to humans, especially infants and children, and

**WHEREAS**, chewing tobacco contains many harmful chemicals and cancer causing agents, and

**WHEREAS**, tobacco use in and around the Township's parks and playgrounds sends contradictory messages to children who are participating in activities beneficial to their health, while at the same exposed to tobacco products, and

**WHEREAS**, 80% of smokers started smoking before the age of 18, and the average initiation age is 12 years old, and

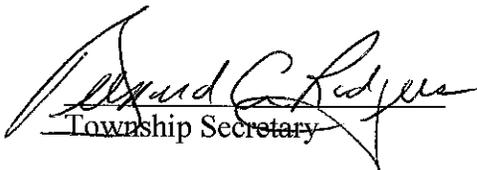
**WHEREAS**, tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke are contrary to enhancing the quality of life and providing safe environments, and

**WHEREAS**, to help role model non-smoking behavior to children and to provide children with a tobacco-free environment;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Township of East Coventry of Chester County hereby declares that its' recreational property is a tobacco-free zone and specifically prohibits the use of any tobacco product, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars and chewing tobacco, on, in, or at any athletic facility, park, playground or assembly area operated for any recreational purpose.

**RESOLVED AND ADOPTED** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2012.

ATTEST:

  
Township Secretary

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Chester County, Pennsylvania

  
Ray Kolb, Chairperson