## RESOLUTION 2022-23 MOUNT HOLLY FIRE DISTRICT No.1

## RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A BAN ON SMOKING, USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS, AND VAPING IN OR ON MOUNT HOLLY FIRE DISTRICT OWNED OR LEASED BUILDINGS, VEHICLES, AND PROPERTIES

**WHEREAS**, the Mount Holly Fire District No.1 (District) desires to establish a Smoke, Tobacco, and Vape Free Policy regarding nicotine and tobacco products in and around District owned and leased buildings, vehicles, and property; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the "New Jersey Smoke Free Air Act", N.J.S.A. 26:3D-56, the New Jersey Legislature has found that tobacco is the leading cause of preventable disease and death in the State and the nation and tobacco smoke constitutes a substantial health hazard to the nonsmoking majority of the public; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to promote and enhance a healthy environment and to reduce tobacco smoke and other harmful byproducts of the use of tobacco by prohibiting smoking and all other tobacco products on District owned and leased properties; and

WHEREAS, this policy is consistent with the Mount Holly Township Rules and Regulations ("Regulations") authorized and approved by the Mount Holly Township Council, which prohibits smoking and the use of tobacco on all Mount Holly Township recreational properties; and

WHEREAS, this policy is consistent with the Burlington County Parks Systems Rules and Regulations ("Regulations") authorized and approved by the Burlington County Board of Commissioners, which prohibits smoking and the use of tobacco on all Burlington County Parks property; and

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mount Holly Fire District No.1 as follows:

- 1. The District hereby establishes a Smoke, Tobacco, and Vape Free Policy regarding nicotine and tobacco products in and around District owned and leased buildings, vehicles, and property, so that smoking, vaping and the use of tobacco is prohibited on all District owned and leased property, indoors or outdoors, including but not limited to parking lots, buildings, exhibits, programs or grounds.
- 2. The Smoke, Tobacco, and Vape Free Policy shall be reaffirmed effective December 7, 2022.
- 3. The adopted Smoke, Tobacco, and Vape Free Policy shall remain in force and effect until such time that the District finds it necessary to amend, revoke or in any way modify.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the within Resolution shall be effective immediately upon passage; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that any resolution or part of a resolution inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed or otherwise revoked; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that if any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase in the Resolution is for any reason held or determined to be unconstitutional or invalid, same shall not affect the remainder of this Resolution; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that notwithstanding anything set forth herein to the contrary, the Board shall be permitted to amend, modify, repeal or otherwise act as to those topics which are the subject of the Resolution provided said acts are consistent with public policy, Board bylaws, township ordinances, local, state and federal laws and rules and regulations promulgated thereunder; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that an original signed, conformed and compared copy of this Resolution be accessible and maintained by the Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No.1 as an official Board record pursuant to and in accordance with the "Open Public Records Act", N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. and the "Destruction of Public Records Law (1953)"; N.J.S.A. 47:3-8.1, *et seq.* as set forth by the State of New Jersey Municipal Agency Record Retention Schedule promulgated by the Division of Archives and Record Management.

**Board of Commissioners Recorded Vote** 

Member	Motion	Second	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
Jeena Sheppard			1			
Nicole Saucier						
Joshua Brown			1			
Jason Fajgier			1			
Richard McIlwee			1			

## **CERTIFICATION**

I, **NICOLE SAUCIER**, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and compared copy of an original Resolution now on file and of record in the District office, which was duly adopted at a public meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.

The undersigned further certifies that the above Resolution has not been repealed or amended and remains in full force and effect.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF,** I have hereunto set my hand and seal of said Board of Fire Commissioners of Fire District No. 1, Township of Mount Holly on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.

NICOLE SAUCIER, CLERK Board of Fire Commissioners

Fire District No.1

Township of Mount Holly

District Seal