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Honorable Members of the Common Council
City of Danbury, Connecticut

Dear Common Council Members:

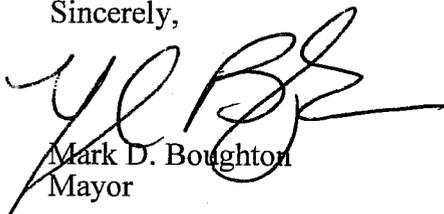
Danbury Hospital has asked that the City of Danbury designate selected and adjacent sidewalks around the hospital complex as smoke free zones. The streets of Hospital, Locust, and Osborne, abutting hospital property would be designated as smoke free with appropriate signage. Other cities in Connecticut have implemented similar initiatives around hospitals including Hartford and New Haven.

Along with the hospital I ask that we also designate the Danbury Library Plaza and surrounding sidewalks as a smoke free zone. The library is not only a place for a healthy mind but also a healthy environment. Second hand smoke has proven to be dangerous and costly, especially to our children. Eliminating smoking from around the library will provide a healthier, cleaner, and safer environment for our children, staff, and visitors.

The library as well as the hospital should be a role model for a healthy environment. This initiative will showcase the City of Danbury and Danbury Hospital as community leaders in protecting the health of the public and motivates others to do likewise.

Thank you for your consideration in adopting the proposed Resolution. Please feel free to call me if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,



Mark D. Boughton
Mayor

RESOLUTION

CITY OF DANBURY, STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Danbury:



WHEREAS, the Connecticut Legislature has enacted legislation prohibiting smoking in certain areas, as more specifically set forth in Section 19a-342 of the Connecticut General Statutes, which areas include health care institutions and buildings and portions of buildings of a political subdivision; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the Legislature's prohibition of smoking in certain areas and in recognition of scientific evidence that has established that exposure to second hand smoke causes disease and premature death in children and adults who do not smoke, the Common Council finds that the City of Danbury has a compelling interest in protecting the health, safety and welfare of the community from the dangers of second hand smoke exposure; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the dangers of exposure to second hand smoke, Danbury Hospital is working toward an initiative to make its entire campus smoke free by November of 2009. The initiative encompasses the interior and exterior of all land and buildings owned and operated by Danbury Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Danbury Hospital has requested that the City of Danbury designate the sidewalks surrounding the hospital's campus as smoke free zones by installing signs stating that the sidewalks surrounding the hospital's campus located on Hospital Avenue, Locust Avenue and Osborne Street are smoke free zones; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council recognizes the benefits to the community arising from Danbury Hospital's initiative to declare its entire campus, including the sidewalks surrounding the campus, as smoke free zones, and desires to assist the Danbury Hospital in its initiative; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds that the public health, safety and welfare of the community will best be served by designating the sidewalks surrounding the Danbury Hospital Campus as smoke free zones by the installation of signs stating that the sidewalks surrounding the hospital's campus on Hospital Avenue, Locust Avenue and Osborne Street are smoke free zones; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council also recognizes that adults and children accessing the Danbury Library through the Library Plaza entrance, as well as attending events held at the Library Plaza, are unnecessarily exposed to second hand smoke; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds that the public health, safety and welfare of the community will best be served by designating the Danbury Library Plaza and the sidewalks surrounding the Plaza as smoke free zones by the installation of signs stating that the Library Plaza and the sidewalks surrounding the Library Plaza on West Street and Main Street are smoke free zones;