CITY COUNCIL
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

A RESOLUTION **03-R-0050**

BY COUNCILMEMBER NATALYN ARCHIBONG
AS AMENDED BY CITY UTILITIES COMMITTEE
AS AMENDED BY THE FULL COUNCIL

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW THE ISSUE OF A BAN ON SMOKING IN ALL PUBLIC PLACES INCLUDING RESTAURANTS IN THE CITY OF ATLANTA; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, a Smoking Ban Task Force was created in June of 1999 after an ordinance to ban smoking in restaurants did not get approval of the Atlanta City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Smoking Ban Task Force proposed legislation and the Mayor and Council adopted this legislation to allow restaurants that voluntarily banned smoking to receive a ten (10%) percent reduction of their business license fees for five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, this legislation has had only two or three participants since its inception and the Finance Department is not projecting any significant increase in the number of participants; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that cities and states (i.e. Albany, GA, Amherst, MA, California, New York,) with smoking bans have not suffered economic ruin because of these bans; and

WHEREAS, Dekalb County, GA just recently passed legislation this past December banning smoking in public places including restaurants; and

WHEREAS, the State of Florida will have a statewide referendum in November 2003 to allow its citizens to decide this very important issue; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that secondhand smoke does cause cancer in research mice and in human beings, and especially children with parents who smoke have a higher incidence of lung illnesses, such as bronchitis and pneumonia and can develop asthma; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) designated secondhand smoke a carcinogen in 1993 and estimates that 3,000 American nonsmokers die each year from lung cancer caused by secondhand smoke; and

WHEREAS, research has also shown that seventy-six (76%) percent of Georgians do not smoke and would embrace smoke free public place including restaurants; and

WHEREAS, all citizens visiting any public place including restaurants in the city of Atlanta and the State of Georgia would benefit tremendously from a smoke free public environment.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA as follows:

SECTION 1: That a Smoking Ban Task Force is hereby established for a time frame of six (6) months effective upon approval of the Mayor.

SECTION 2: That the Smoking Ban Task Force shall consist of the following members:

- The Mayor or her designee
- City Utilities Committee Members
- Chief Financial Officer or his designee
- Commissioner of the Department of Public Works or his designee
- Director of the Bureau of Building or his designee
- City Attorney or her designee
- Atlanta Planning and Advisory Board (APAB) President or his designee
- A representative of the Fulton County Health Department
- A representative of the Dekalb County Health Department
- A representative of the Georgia Restaurant Association
- A representative of the Georgia Hotel & Lodging Association
- A representative of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce
- A representative of the Atlanta Conventions and Visitors Bureau
- A representative of the American Lung Association (Atlanta Region)
- **A representative of the Georgia Cancer Coalition**
- A representative of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) (Atlanta Region)
- Three (3) members of the public appointed by the Paired Council Districts (i.e. Districts 1-4 and Post 1 at Large, Districts 5-8 and Post 2 at Large and Districts 9-12 and Post 3 at Large)

SECTION 3: That all resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith are and the same is hereby repealed.

A true copy,
Rhonda Dauphin Johnson
Municipal Clerk, CMC

ADOPTED as amended by the Council JAN 21, 2003
APPROVED by the Mayor JAN 28, 2003

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Atlanta City Council

Regular Session

03-R-0050 Creation of Task Force to Review Issue of Banning Smoking in All Public Places
ADOPT AS AMEND

YEAS:	14
NAYS:	1
ABSTENTIONS:	0
NOT VOTING:	1
EXCUSED:	0
ABSENT	0

Y Smith	Y Archibong	Y Moore	Y Mitchell
Y Starnes	Y Fauver	Y Martin	Y Norwood
Y Young	Y Shook	Y Maddox	Y Willis
Y Winslow	Y Muller	N Boazman	NV Woolard

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JAN 21 2003

COUNCIL

☐ CONSENT REFER
☐ REGULAR REPORT REFER
☐ ADVERTISE & REFER
☐ 1st ADOPT 2nd READ & REFER

Date Referred 1/6/03

Referred To: Public Safety

First Reading

Committee
Date
Chair

Committee	Committee
Date: Jan 14 2003	Date
Chair: Clair Muller	Chair
Action: Fav, Adv, Held (see rev. side)	Action: Fav, Adv, Held (see rev. side)
Other: As Amended	Other:
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COUNCIL ACTION

☐ 2nd ☐ 1st & 2nd Readings ☐ 3rd

☑ Consent ☐ V Vote ☑ RC Vote

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MAYOR'S ACTION

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