

RESOLUTION NO. RES-07-0061

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH IN SUPPORT OF STATE SENATE
BILL 7 PROHIBITING SMOKING IN CARS WITH MINOR
PASSENGERS

WHEREAS, according to the American Lung Association, secondhand smoke is responsible for as many as 300,000 lower respiratory tract infections in children less than 18 months of age, resulting in up to 15,000 hospitalizations annually; and

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke is often cited in cases of sudden infant death syndrome, ear infection and asthma flare-ups; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that the average particulate concentration in vehicles is up to 10 times greater than in the average particulate concentrations found in the home of smokers; and

WHEREAS, State Senate Bill 7 would restrict smoking in vehicles when a minor under the age of 18 is a passenger; and

WHEREAS, State Senate Bill 7 would make it an infraction punishable by a fine not exceeding \$100 for a person to smoke a pipe, cigar or cigarette in a motor vehicle, whether in motion or at rest, in which there is a minor;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves as follows:

Section 1. That the City Council hereby supports the passage of Senator Jenny Oropeza's State Senate Bill 7, The Marco Firebaugh Memorial Children's Health and Safety Act of 2007, and directs the City Manager to advocate for passage of this important bill.

Sec. 2. The City Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor of the State of California, the members of the California Legislature

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1 representing the Long Beach area, and other officials, agencies, entities, and individuals
2 as determined by the City Manager.

3 Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by
4 the City Council, and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

5 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City
6 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of May 15, 2007, by the
7 following vote:

8 Ayes: Councilmembers: B. Lowenthal, S. Lowenthal, Schipske,
9 Gabelich, Lerch.

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12 Noes: Councilmembers: None.

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14 Absent: Councilmembers: DeLong, O'Donnell, Reyes Uranga.

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19 City Clerk

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