

Resolution 34-14

Resolution to Support Regulation of E-Cigarettes

TO THE HONORABLE SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF THE COUNTY OF POLK:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS, medical evidence regarding the safety of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (“ENDS” or “e-cigarettes”) and how emitted vapors impact indoor air quality is currently undetermined; and

WHEREAS, the majority of e-cigarettes are manufactured outside the United States, and none have been submitted to inspection or oversight by any regulatory body to ensure safety, quality control and full disclosure of ingredients to consumers; and

WHEREAS, analysis by the Federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of randomly selected samples of the devices revealed the presence of toxic chemicals and known carcinogens to which users could be exposed; and

WHEREAS, the FDA, concerned about the potential health risks associated with e-cigarettes, has asserted regulatory authority over the products, sponsoring a 105 day comment period regarding the proposed regulations; and

WHEREAS, the proposed FDA regulations would prohibit sale of e-cigarettes to minors, require health warnings on e-cigarettes and prohibit sale of e-cigarettes by vending machine unless the vending machine is located in a facility that never admits youth; and

WHEREAS, the FDA has issued a warning to consumers about potential health risks of e-cigarettes; and

WHEREAS, e-cigarettes are not proven to be safe for the users or those around the user; and

WHEREAS, e-cigarette marketing is directed at making the product attractive to minors; and

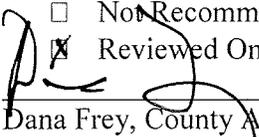
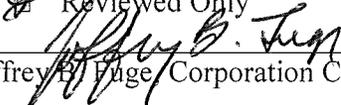
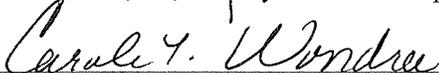
WHEREAS, the Polk County Board of Supervisors is concerned that e-cigarette use among youth may lead young people to try other tobacco products which are known to cause disease and lead to premature death.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Supervisors supports Federal regulations on e-cigarettes through the FDA to prohibit sales of e-cigarettes to minors and to research the impact of e-cigarettes on users and non-users to determine whether any adverse health effects are associated with the use of e-cigarettes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Polk County Board of Supervisors vigorously opposes legislation and any other attempt to exempt the use of e-cigarettes from Wisconsin’s

36 Smoke-free Air Law and supports including e-cigarettes in Wisconsin's Smoke-Free Air Law.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be mailed to Governor
 38 Walker, Senators Harsdorf and Jauch, Representatives Severson and Smith, and the Wisconsin
 39 Counties Association.

Funding Source/ Funding Amount:	Not Applicable
Date Reviewed as to Appropriations:	Not Applicable
Committee Recommendation as To Appropriation:	Not Applicable
Effective Date:	Upon Passage
Dated Submitted To County Board	September 16, 2014
Submitted By:	
<i>Patricia M. Schmidt</i>	<i>Sept. 3, 2014</i>
Review By County Administrator: <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reviewed Only  Dana Frey, County Administrator	Review By Corporation Counsel: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved as to Form <input type="checkbox"/> Recommended <input type="checkbox"/> Not Recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reviewed Only  Jeffrey B. Fuge, Corporation Counsel
Acknowledgement of County Board Action	
Mark As Appropriate: At its regular business meeting on <u>Sept. 16</u> , 2014, the Polk County Board of Supervisors considered and acted on the above resolution, Resolution No. <u>34 - 14</u> : Resolution _____-14: Resolution to Support Regulation of E-Cigarettes, as follows: <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted by majority voice vote. <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated by a vote of _____ in favor and _____ against. <input type="checkbox"/> Defeated by majority voice vote <input type="checkbox"/> Action Deferred by Procedural Action, as follows: _____ _____ _____ _____ SIGNED BY:  William F. Johnson, IV, County Board Chairperson Attest:  Carole T. Wondra, County Clerk	

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COUNTY OF POLK)

I, Carole T. Wondra, Clerk for Polk County, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 34-14, that was adopted by the Polk County Board of Supervisors on Sept. 16, 2014.

Carole T. Wondra 9-18-14
Carole T. Wondra Date
Polk County Clerk