

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-021

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 527 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF KENT BY ENACTING SECTION 527.04 REQUIRING ALL TOBACCO RETAILERS WITHIN THE CITY TO POST THE PHONE NUMBER FOR THE TOBACCO QUITLINE AT ALL POINT OF SALE LOCATIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, tobacco use is still the nation's number one cause of preventable death and disease; and

WHEREAS, tobacco companies spend \$9.1 billion per year, \$1 million every hour, to market their products; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio spends just \$738.7 million on programs to prevent teens from starting tobacco and to help smokers quit; and

WHEREAS, children are being exposed daily to cigarette and e-cigarette advertising by an industry that needs to recruit the youth to maintain profit; and

WHEREAS, there are 26 tobacco retailers inside the Kent City limits, or one retailer for every 2,222 citizens, including those who attend Kent State University.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Kent, Portage County, Ohio, that:

SECTION 1. That Council hereby enacts Section 527.04 of the Kent Codified Ordinances to read as follows:

527.04 POSTING OF QUITLINE PHONE NUMBER

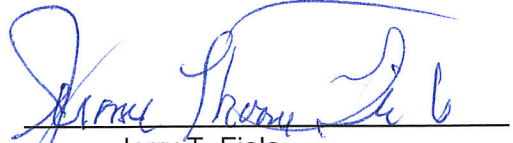
- a. Every Tobacco Retailer within the City of Kent shall post the phone number of a tobacco Quitline at the point of purchase. Point of Purchase shall be where a customer pays for merchandise and Quitline information shall be reasonably placed to ensure that it is visible to customers.
- b. Kent City Health Department will provide all Quitline materials for tobacco retailers

SECTION 2. The City of Kent hereby approves the ordinance to require all tobacco retailers within the City of Kent to post the phone number for the Tobacco Quitline at all point of sale locations.

SECTION 3. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Ordinance were adopted in an open meeting of this Council and that all deliberations of this Council, and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements of Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 4. That this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, safety, and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Council this Ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

PASSED: March 17, 2021
Date

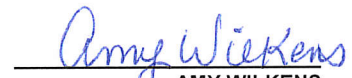

Jerry T. Fiala
Mayor and President of Council

EFFECTIVE: March 17, 2021
Date

ATTEST: Amy Wilkens
Amy Wilkens
Clerk of Council

I, AMY WILKENS, CLERK OF COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF KENT, COUNTY OF PORTAGE, AND STATE OF OHIO, AND IN WHOSE CUSTODY THE ORIGINAL FILES AND RECORDS OF SAID COUNCIL ARE REQUIRED TO BE KEPT BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF OHIO, HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF ORDINANCE No. 2021-021, ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KENT ON March 17, 2021.

(SEAL)


AMY WILKENS
CLERK OF COUNCIL