

CITY OF DELRAY BEACH GREEN IMPLEMENTATION ADVANCEMENT BOARD RESOLUTION 4-2019

WHEREAS, as the City of Delray Beach continues to be an attractive place to live and a very popular tourist and vacation destination, the amount of garbage generated by the City continues to grow; and

WHEREAS, beach patrons extinguish cigarettes in the sand and most often leave them embedded. People attending outdoor special events extinguish cigarettes on the ground. Cigarette smokers rarely, if ever, place extinguished cigarettes in a trash container; and

WHEREAS, cigarette filters are made from plastic and are not recyclable or biodegradable. Cigarette filters are lightweight and can quickly and easily become airborne and get washed into our storm water management system and are eventually expelled into the intracoastal waterway or are blown directly into the ocean ; and

WHEREAS, these items are detrimental to the environment because they do not fully degrade, cannot be recycled, introduce harmful chemicals into the environment, become litter, create hazards for birds and land and aquatic animals due to ingestion, and create unsightly litter on our City's most treasured asset-our beaches; and

WHEREAS, these items have a detrimental effect on the public health, safety and welfare of City residents, visitors and to future generations of Floridians;

WHEREAS, as stewards of our environment, the City of Delray Beach's goal should be to eliminate cigarette smoking from our beaches.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY DELRAY BEACH GREEN IMPLEMENTATION ADVANCEMENT BOARD:

1. That the Delray Beach City Commission enact an ordinance prohibiting the smoking of cigarettes from all beaches within the city and at all city special events as more fully described in the City's 2018 Special Events Policy, dated November 13, 2018 and as the Policy may be amended in the future.
2. That the Delray Beach City Commission direct the City Manager to have signs erected at all entry points to beaches and venues where Special Events are held explaining the Ordinance, the reasons for the Ordinance and the penalties for violating this Ordinance.
3. That the City provide reasonable lead time to persons engaged in commercial activities on the City beaches and special event spaces before citations or other forms of penalties are imposed.