

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021
7:30 P.M.**

A. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS:

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETINGS:

1. CAUCUS PRIOR TO COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES HELD ON FEBRUARY 16, 2021.
2. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES HELD ON FEBRUARY 16, 2021.

D. REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Aviation & Environmental Committee - Chairwoman, Schmuck
Finance Committee - Chairman, Scott
Legislative Committee - Chairman, Mencini
Parks & Recreation Committee - Chairman, Poindexter
Planning Committee - Chairman, Orcutt
Safety Committee - Chairman Troyer
Service Committee - Chairman, Salvatore
Board of Zoning Appeals - Chairman, Mencini

E. REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Southwest General Health Center - Trustee, Orcutt
Berea Board of Education Representative, Mencini
Technology and Innovation Council Representative - Poindexter

F. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

G. INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS OF COMMENDATION:

H. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MAYOR:

- I. **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS FROM DEPARTMENTS, COMMISSIONS, AND OTHER PUBLIC OFFICIALS:**
- J. **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS AND PETITIONS, AND VERBAL APPROVAL: (INTRODUCTION OF NEW LEGISLATION):**
- K. **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS, APPOINTMENTS, CONFIRMATIONS:**
- L. **REMARKS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ANY SUBJECT MATTER:**
- M. **INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: FIRST READING:**
 - 1. RESOLUTION NO. 2-2021, TO ISSUE A MORATORIUM ON THE GRANTING OF BUILDING PERMITS OR CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY FOR ANY BUILDING STRUCTURE, USE OR CHANGE OF USE THAT WOULD ENABLE ANY BUSINESS THAT ENGAGES IN HOOKAH USE (ALSO KNOWN AS CALLED SHISHA AND NARGILE, A WATERPIPE) ESTABLISHMENTS KNOWN AS 'BARS OR LOUNGES' FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED TWELVE MONTHS FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS RESOLUTION, IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE CITY ADMINISTRATION, COUNCIL AND THE BROOK PARK PLANNING COMMISSION TO REVIEW APPLICABLE OHIO STATUTES, CRIMINAL CODES AND THE BROOK PARK ZONING CODE RELATIVE TO SUCH USE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Introduced by Mayor Gammella.
- N. **SECOND READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**
- O. **THIRD READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**
- P. **ADJOURNMENT:**

**SYNOPSIS OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS
FOR THE COUNCIL MEETING OF March 16, 2021**

FIRST READING:

Res. No. 2-2021

A Resolution to issue a moratorium on the granting of building permits or certificates of occupancy for any building structure, use or change of use that would enable any business that engages in Hookah use (also known as called Shisha and Nargile, a Waterpipe) establishments known as 'bars or lounges' for a period not to exceed twelve months from the effective date of this Resolution, in order to allow the city administration, Council and the Brook Park Planning Commission to review applicable Ohio statutes, criminal codes and the Brook Park Zoning code relative to such use and declaring an emergency.

SYNOPSIS: A Resolution placing a twelve-month moratorium on any business engaging in Hookah use.

**PREPARED BY THE BROOK PARK LEGAL DEPARTMENT
March 11, 2021**

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CITY OF BROOK PARK, OHIO

RESOLUTION NO. _____

INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR GAMMELLA

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BUILDING PERMITS OR CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY FOR ANY
BUILDING, STRUCTURE, USE OR CHANGE OF USE THAT WOULD ENABLE ANY
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ZONING CODE RELATIVE TO SUCH USE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the health risks associated with hookah smoking are
generally thought to be greater than those of cigarette or cigar
smoking; and

WHEREAS, Hookah smoke contains significant amounts of
nicotine, tar, heavy metals, and carcinogens. Waterpipe smoke may
also contain charcoal and wood cinder byproduct carcinogens and
carbon monoxide. The water filtration system cools the smoke
allowing the user to inhale greater amounts of smoke over a longer
period of time. A typical hookah session may last for an hour or
more and this period of sustained inhalation increases exposure to
carcinogens and is similar in result, to smoking up to 100
cigarettes; and

WHEREAS, according to numerous infectious disease experts, the
greatest risk to contracting COVID-19 is in closed indoor
facilities; and

WHEREAS, the United States has nearly 300,000 dead from COVID-
19 with the numbers growing each day and our hospitals are
overwhelmed with the sick; and

WHEREAS, as such, the City's Administration, Council and the
Planning and Zoning Commission require additional time to undertake
a review of all applicable codes statewide and within the city in
order to formulate how such a facility may open and operate safely

in a time of the COVID-19 pandemic for our residents well-being;
and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Ohio Revised Code, municipalities have the power to enact planning and zoning laws that are for health, safety, welfare, comfort and peace of the citizens of the municipality including redistricting areas used for businesses and trades;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Brook Park, State of Ohio that:

SECTION 1: That the Council of the City of Brook Park, hereby places a moratorium on the granting of building permits or certificates of occupancy for any building, structure, use or change of use that would enable the opening of a business operating a Hookah Bar or Lounge or any similar business that uses waterpipe communal smoking of sweetened tobacco product, for a period not to exceed 12 months from the effective date of this Resolution, in order to allow the City Administration, Council and the Brook Park Planning and Zoning Commissions to review applicable Ohio statutes, criminal codes and the Brook Park Zoning Code relative to such use.

SECTION 2: No building permits, certificates of occupancy or any other permits shall be granted to a business owner who intends to open, devote any floor area of the business for the purposes of the retail sale of hookah bars or lounges for the period of this moratorium. No valid existing business in the City may expand in any way that would establish a hookah lounge or bar for the duration of the moratorium.

SECTION 3: The moratorium shall be in effect for a period of 12 months from the effective date of this Resolution or until changes are enacted to amend the Codified Ordinances of the City of Brook Park to address these issues or until, Council approves legislation explicitly revoking this moratorium, whichever occurs first.

SECTION 4: It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to this Resolution 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 actions were in meetings open to the public in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION 5: This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of said City, and for the further reason that the City of Brook Park would like to impose a 12 month moratorium on building and/or occupancy permits regarding

hookah bars and lounges; provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least five (5) members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor; otherwise, from and after the earliest period allowed by law

PASSED: _____

PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

ATTEST: _____
CLERK OF COUNCIL

APPROVED: _____
MAYOR

DATE

I HEREBY APPROVE THE WITHIN
INSTRUMENT AS TO LEGAL FORM
AND CORRECTNESS


DIRECTOR OF LAW