

**RESOLUTION 2019-05**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SMYRNA REMINDING RESTAURANT OWNERS OF THEIR ABILITY TO PROHIBIT SMOKING**

WHEREAS, the Georgia legislature adopted the Georgia Smokefree Air Act of 2005, and

WHEREAS, this state law specifically provides that owners of restaurants may declare the enclosed area within the entire facility as well as the outdoor area of the facility as nonsmoking areas, and

WHEREAS, in addition to the state law, in 2014 the City of Smyrna, recognizing that prohibiting smoking within city owned facilities protects the health safety and welfare of the public, adopted an ordinance prohibiting smoking within any indoor or outdoor public facility subject to certain exceptions, and

WHEREAS, the result of the state and city laws has been to reduce or eliminate smoking from most public areas and private businesses including restaurants, however a few restaurants have elected to either offer smoking areas or be designated as a location where smoking is allowed,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that in an additional effort to better the health and welfare of the community, the Mayor and Council of the City of Smyrna do hereby remind all restaurant owners that they are legally able to prohibit smoking and encourage those who desire to prohibit smoking to do so immediately.

RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the City of Smyrna this 21th day of October 2019.

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Terri Graham, City Clerk

Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

A. Max Bacon

Approved as to Form

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Scott A. Cochran, City Attorney