



REPORT TO MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: January 20, 2009

SUBJECT: Proclamation Recognizing COSTCO for Choosing Not to Sell
Tobacco Products

Report in Brief

The City has received information that the local COSTCO store has chosen to eliminate the sale of tobacco products from the inventory. This is a bold step that should be recognized via a Proclamation commending them for this business choice.

Staff recommends that the City Council present COSTCO with a Proclamation of Recognition for the elimination of tobacco products from their sales.

Background

COSTCO has elected to eliminate the sale of tobacco products from the local site as a method of indicating their desire to improve the health of the community. This action is consistent with other actions that the City Council has recognized, including the establishment of smoke free multifamily residential communities. COSTCO has eliminated tobacco from some of their other sites and the Woodland site now joins that group.

Discussion

The purpose of this recognition is to promote the awareness of the health issues associated with smoking and second hand smoke. In addition, this recognition also promotes the responsible choice made by COSTCO to support community health.

Public Contact

Posting of the City Council agenda.

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Recommendation for Action

Staff recommends that the City Council present COSTCO with a Proclamation of Recognition for the elimination of tobacco products from their sales.

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Enclosure: Proclamation

City of Woodland

PROCLAMATION OF RECOGNITION – TOBACCO-FREE DESIGNATION

COSTCO, WOODLAND

WHEREAS, the local Woodland COSTCO has added this City's facility to others throughout the Nation as one that will not provide for the sale of tobacco products as part of their line of products; and,

WHEREAS, the omission of these sales is an indicator of the Company's dedication to the health and well-being of individuals throughout the Nation; and,

WHEREAS, the addition of these sales could be a significant source of income for the Company's balance sheet; and,

WHEREAS, smoke given off by the burning end of a cigarette, pipe or cigar and the smoke exhaled from the lungs of smokers, is involuntarily inhaled by nonsmokers, lingers in the air hours after cigarettes have been extinguished and can cause or exacerbate a wide range of adverse health effects, including cancer, respiratory infections, and asthma; and,

WHEREAS, smoke has been classified by the Environmental Protection Agency as a known cause of cancer in humans, causes disease and premature death in children and adults who do not smoke and contains hundreds of chemicals known to be toxic or carcinogenic, including formaldehyde, benzene, vinyl chloride, arsenic ammonia and hydrogen cyanide; and,

WHEREAS, smoke causes lung cancer deaths and heart disease deaths in adults in the United States each year. Nonsmokers exposed to smoke at work are at increased risk for adverse health effects. Smoke is especially harmful to young children and is responsible for between 150,000 and 300,000 lower respiratory tract infections in infants and children under 18 months of age, resulting in between 7,500 and 15,000 hospitalizations each year, and causes 430 sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) deaths in the United States annually.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Woodland hereby recognizes and commends the local COSTCO for their business decision and choice in eliminating the sale of tobacco products at their local site thus reducing the exposure to smoke by residents and visitors and thanks them for participating in this program for the health of all citizens.

Passed and adopted this 20th day of January, 2009.

Marlin H. Davies, Mayor

Artemio Pimentel, Vice-Mayor

Martie L. Dote, Council Member

William L. Marble, Council Member

Jeff W. Monroe, Council Member