

LANCASTER COUNTY'S JOURNEY TO A SMOKE-FREE AND TOBACCO-FREE COUNTY

The Lancaster County Health & Wellness Commission (HWC) worked to achieve a smokefree status in 2013 and tobacco-free status in 2020. Below are the milestones and their outcome. HWC is made up of all volunteers with no paid staff and me as the Chair.

March 10, 2010: HWC members reviewed a local smokefree ordinance that recently passed and brainstormed about how to garner support.

Feb 8, 2012: County Council champion involves County Attorney to ensure the language of the proposed ordinance is acceptable.

Sept 2012: The 2nd reading of the Lancaster County ordinance occurred on September 10, and a public hearing was held on September 24. Flyers were designed to recognize businesses that have gone smoke-free. Signs that read "Proud to be Smoke Free" were delivered to businesses.

Dec 12, 2012: Efforts after the ordinance passed included:
Signs delivered to businesses that says "Proud to be Smoke Free" (10/2013)
A flyer designed to recognize businesses that have gone smoke-free, as well as a complaint notice (10/23)
Another Great American Smokeout Contest that ran Jan 11-17, 2016.

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July 14, 2010: A petition and letters of support were created to garner support with a focus on secondhand smoke in the workplace. Businesses were approached to see if they would display "no smoking" signs on their property. HWC works with the Lancaster County School District to develop a Great American Smokeout Essay Contest with students.

August 27, 2012: The 1st reading of the Lancaster County ordinance

Nov 26, 2012: The 3rd reading of the Lancaster County ordinance occurred on October 22. The ordinance passed with a vote of 4-2.

March 1, 2013: The Lancaster County Smokefree ordinance 2012-1167 goes into effect.

March 19, 2013: Recognition for Lancaster County as the first county in the state to put a comprehensive ordinance in

JOURNEY TO BECOMING TOBACCO-FREE

Worked for years to help Lancaster County achieve tobacco-free status. Below are the major milestones contributing to the successful journey. Meetings are held every other month or, for special meetings, at the discretion of the Lancaster County Council.

