

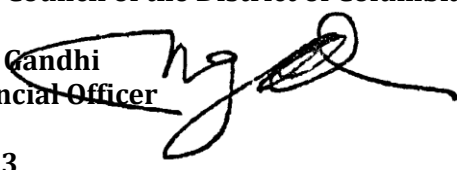
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Office of the Chief Financial Officer



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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Phil Mendelson
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi 
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: July 9, 2013

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “Smoking Restriction Amendment Act of 2013”

REFERENCE: Bill 20-95, Draft Committee Print shared with the Office of Revenue Analysis on June 28, 2013

Conclusion

Funds are not sufficient in the proposed FY 2014 through FY 2017 budget and financial plan to implement the bill. Implementation of the bill is subject to its inclusion in an approved budget and financial plan.

Background

The bill bans smoking or the use of tobacco products¹ within 25 feet of any park, dog park, trail, community facility, playground, swimming pool, spray park, neighborhood recreation center, or bus stop that is owned, controlled, or maintained by the District. For the District owned or maintained properties,² the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation must also post a “No Smoking” sign. Any resident who lives within 25 feet of one of the designated facilities is exempt from the restriction when on his or her property.

Lastly, the owner, manager, or entity responsible for any private playground where smoking is prohibited must post a sign that reads, “No Smoking.”

Financial Plan Impact

¹ Tobacco products are defined in the bill as a cigarette, cigar, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, smokeless tobacco, snuff, roll-your-own tobacco, cigarette papers or tubes, pipes for smoking tobacco, electronic cigarette, or any other product containing tobacco that is intended for human consumption.

² This excludes bus stops.

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