

Resolution in Support of Broomfield City Council Ordinances 2104: “An Ordinance Amending Certain Sections of Chapter 8.02 of the Broomfield Municipal Code Relating to Smoking Prohibited,” and 2105: “An Ordinance Adding Chapter 5.29 to the Broomfield Municipal Code Titled Tobacco Product Licensing.”

WHEREAS, the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education is committed to protecting the health and safety of its students; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General has declared e-cigarette use among youth an epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Broomfield has among the highest e-cigarette youth use rate in the State and Country; and

WHEREAS, approximately 96 percent of smokers begin smoking before age 21, with most beginning before age 16. Smokers frequently transition from experimentation to addiction between the ages of 18 and 21; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Surgeon General, there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke and even brief exposure to secondhand smoke can be harmful to health; and

WHEREAS, vaping and smoking in public sends a message to youth that it is safe, acceptable and normal; and

WHEREAS, studies have demonstrated that licensing tobacco retailers is an effective policy to reduce tobacco sales to minors and reduce youth initiation of both e-cigarettes and cigarettes; and

WHEREAS, studies show that adolescents who live in communities with strong smoke-free protections are less likely to smoke than adolescents who live in communities with weak protections.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Adams 12 Five Star Schools Board of Education supports the City and County of Broomfield’s proposed ordinances to require licensing for tobacco and nicotine product retailers, raise the minimum sale age to 21, and expand smoke- and vape-free protections to outdoor areas in Broomfield in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

Adopted by the Board of Education at its regular meeting of September 18, 2019.