



CITY OF LYNN
In City Council

May 12, 1998

**IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY-EIGHT
AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE SALE, EXCHANGE OR DISTRIBUTION OF CIGARETTE
LIGHTERS AND MATCHES TO MINORS IN THE CITY OF LYNN**

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Lynn and by the authority of the same, as follows, to wit:-

SECTION 1. An Ordinance Prohibiting the Sale, Exchange Or Distribution Of Cigarette Lighters and Matches To Minors In The City Of Lynn is hereby established, and said Ordinance shall provide as follows:

"No person shall sell, exchange or distribute cigarette lighters and/or matches to a minor."

SECTION 2. Definitions: For the purposes of this ordinance, the following words shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this ordinance:

City: City of Lynn;

Minor: Any individual who is under the age of eighteen (18);

Person: A person, employer, employee, retail store manager or owner, or the owner or operator of any establishment engaged in the sale, exchange, or distribution of cigarette lighters and matches.

SECTION 3. A person selling, exchanging or distributing cigarette lighters and/or matches shall request and examine identification from any purchaser suspected of being a minor, and shall positively establish the purchaser's age as eighteen (18) years or older before allowing the purchase and/or distribution.

The following shall constitute positive identification: a valid Massachusetts driver's license; or a certified birth certificate along with a picture identification card, or two other similar forms of identification, one of which shall be a picture identification card.

SECTION 4. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine of not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for the first offense; and, for the second offense, a fine of not less than Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00); and, for the third offense, a fine of not less than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00).

SECTION 5. The Health Department and Fire Department shall be the enforcing authority of this ordinance.

SECTION 6. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 7. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty-one (31) days after its final approval as adopted and advertised.