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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Luke Leung, Deputy County Executive 

SUBJECT: Report Back Regarding Fiscal Impact Relative to the Implementation of Anti-Smoking Policy

At the February 24, 2009 Board meeting, at the request of Supervisor Don Gage, the Board directed Administration to agendize for discussion the fiscal implications relating to the implementation of the new anti-smoking policy at the FY 2010 budget hearing.

The original fiscal analysis contained in the Employee Services Agency (ESA) January 29, 2009 transmittal indicated a new cost of approximately \$200,000. The Finance and Government Operations (FGOC) report at the February 24, 2009 Board meeting included a recommendation that County Departments absorb any cost related to the implementation of this new policy within their existing budget. The full Board accepted that recommendation of FGOC and Administration is complying with that direction. No new budget request of this one-time cost for implementation of the anti-smoking policy is contained in the Acting County Executive's recommended budget for FY 2010.

Background

The original cost analysis for the implementation of the new anti-smoking policy was based on figures supplied by 4 Departments (Facilities and Fleet, Health and Hospital, Parks and Recreation, and Roads and Airports) which included labor and material cost. Part of the assumption also included installation of new permanent sign posts near the new 30 foot no smoking zone.

As a result of additional discussion, it was determined that while permanent sign posts are useful there are other less expensive solutions such as signage at or near building access points. As for additional labor cost, the alternative is to reprioritize workload and use existing staff rather than hiring project or extra help staff. The new combined cost of material necessary to implement this new anti-smoking policy is approximately \$30,000.

This costs associated with the implementation of the new policy will be absorbed by Roads and Airport, Health and Hospital, Facilities and Fleet, and Parks and Recreation respectively, within their existing budget. There will be no fiscal implication for the FY 2010 budget.

c: Gary A. Graves, Acting County Executive