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## **Bellevue City Council Honored for Passing Smoke-Free Air Ordinance**

*Mayor Cleves and Bellevue City Council Honored for Enacting  
Important Community Health Legislation Early in 2023*

**BELLEVUE, KY** – In recognition of its groundbreaking leadership in passing a smoke-free ordinance, the Bellevue, Ky., Board of Council was honored at its December 13 council meeting by the Breathe Easy Coalition and the Northern Kentucky Agency on Substance Abuse Policy (NKY ASAP).

“The city of Bellevue’s commitment to community health was evident when council members voted unanimously earlier this year, to pass a city-wide ordinance that prohibited smoking on Bellevue city property, at places of employment and in enclosed public spaces,” said Karen Finan, President & CEO, OneNKY Alliance.

At the time the ordinance passed, Bellevue Mayor Charlie Cleves said, “We are creating a pathway for a healthy, vibrant Bellevue for all citizens.” The ordinance went into effect in May 2023.

“We had some opposition to the ordinance when it was being discussed,” said Bellevue City Administrator Frank Warnock, “but we have had very few complaints since it passed. In fact, a few

business owners who previously allowed smoking thanked me after passage of the ordinance. My observation is that many more people wanted a smoking ban than those against it.”

Stephanie Vogel of the Northern Kentucky District Health Department and NKY ASAP, responsible for ordinance enforcement, echoed the sentiment, “We look forward to the impact the smoke-free ordinance will create on Northern Kentucky through the leadership of councils in Bellevue, Dayton, and Highland Heights. “

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**About Bellevue, Kentucky:**

Bellevue is located on the banks of the Ohio River, across from Cincinnati. It is a flourishing community and adds to the vibrancy of Northern Kentucky’s urban core. The abundance of historic, unique architecture, as well as the many amenities creates an ideal choice for relocation of individuals and families, as well as businesses.

**About Breathe Easy NKY**

Breathe Easy NKY connects health, education, elected and business leaders in a concerted effort to combat the public health crisis in the region related to tobacco use and vaping. The coalition is focused on improved public health, economic outlook, and the overall quality of life through a comprehensive smoke-free ordinance in Northern Kentucky. More Information: [Breathe Easy NKY](#)

**About NKY ASAP**

NKY ASAP works to develop and oversee implementation of a long-term community strategy to reduce the use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs and to promote effective treatment in Northern Kentucky. More information: [NKY ASAP](#)