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**Dayton KY City Council Honored for Passing Smoke-Free Air Ordinance**  
*Mayor Ben Baker and Dayton City Council Honored for Enacting Groundbreaking Legislation:  
Leading Important Community Health Movement in Northern Kentucky*

**Dayton, KY** – In recognition of being the first Northern Kentucky community to pass a groundbreaking smoke-free ordinance, the Dayton, Ky City Council was honored at its January 16<sup>th</sup> meeting by the **Breathe Easy Coalition** and the **Northern Kentucky Agency on Substance Abuse Policy (NKY ASAP)**.

“Dayton’s leadership showed true dedication to community health when its council voted late in 2022, to pass a city-wide ordinance that prohibited smoking on Dayton city property, at places of employment and in enclosed public spaces,” said Karen Finan, President & CEO, OneNKY Alliance.

Dayton Mayor Ben Baker said, “The City of Dayton’s smoke-free ordinance is an important public-health initiative that protects children, employees, and nonsmokers. The U.S. Surgeon General has concluded that there is no ‘risk-free level of exposure’ to secondhand smoke which can cause serious diseases and premature death in children and adults who do not smoke, including those exposed to secondhand smoke in the workplace.”

Two additional Campbell County cities (Bellevue and Highland Heights) followed Dayton’s lead, passing similar legislation in 2023.

Stephanie Vogel, Director of Population Health at the Northern Kentucky District Health Department, which is responsible for ordinance enforcement, says, “We believe the local leadership shown by this council in passing a smoke-free ordinance is a great example of how to protect the health of the community, and is one that other Northern Kentucky communities can follow.”

For more information, visit [www.breatheeasyky.com](http://www.breatheeasyky.com).

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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](#)