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Moorestown Council to Consider Changes to Smoking Ordinance Monday Night

The state's general assembly passed legislation concerning smoking in public parks and beaches this week.

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An ordinance that would prohibit smoking in public parks and recreation areas will be introduced on first reading when Moorestown Council convenes Monday night.

The State General Assembly passed a bill on Thursday that would ban smoking at all public parks and beaches by a vote of 64-7, the Courier Post reports. That bill now goes before the State Senate, but no vote has been scheduled at this time.

The assembly bill changes the wording of a law that prohibited smoking indoors to prohibit smoking in certain public places and workplaces. This law concerns state-operated parks and beaches.

It is designed to cut down on secondhand smoke and litter and improve fire safety in these areas, according to the report. Smoking would still be allowed in the parking lots.

Moorestown Council will consider amending Chapter 125 of the township's ordinance to prohibit smoking in local parks and recreation areas.

The full agenda for Monday night's meeting at the high school is posted on the township website and can be viewed here. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.

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