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**AN ORDINANCE**

**Banning the Sale of Bidi Cigarettes**

WHEREAS, recent studies by the United States Centers of Disease Control and Prevention, and by other organizations, have found that a product known as “**bidi** cigarettes” has become increasingly popular among young people; and

WHEREAS, **bidi** cigarettes generally deliver more nicotine and are therefore more addicting than other cigarettes, in part because they contain tobacco that is wrapped in a slow-burning material that requires shorter and harder puffs to withdraw the smoke; and

WHEREAS, studies have indicated that cigarettes are a “gateway” drug for some youths who go on to use illegal drugs; and

WHEREAS, It is reasonable to conclude that prohibiting the sale of **bidi** cigarettes will lead to a reduction in smoking addiction among youths, will remove a product that may be particularly likely to lead young smokers to illegal drugs, and will eliminate law enforcement problems that may be associated with a common product that resembles marijuana cigarettes;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSTON, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

**SECTION 1:** That Chapter 16 of Title 3 of the Evanston City Code, 1979, as amended is further amended by adding the following definition to Section 3-16-1:

**BIDI CIGARETTE:** A product that (i) contains tobacco that is wrapped in temburni or tendu leaf or that is wrapped in any other material identified by rules of the Department of Public Health that is similar in appearance or characteristics to the temburni or tendu leaf and (ii) does not contain a smoke filtering device.

**SECTION 2:** That Chapter 16 of Title 3 of the Evanston City Code, 1979, as amended is further amended by adding the following new Section 3-16-9 and renumbering the existing Section 3-16-9 as 3-16-10.

**3-16-9: SALE OF BIDI CIGARETTES PROHIBITED:**

No person shall sell, give away, barter, exchange, or otherwise furnish to any other person a bidi cigarette.

**SECTION 3:** That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

**SECTION 4:** That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon passage and approval.

Introduced: April 11, 2000

Adopted: April 24, 2000

Approved: May 1, 2000

Louaine H. Morton  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Mary D. Morris  
City Clerk

Approved as to form:  
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