

**COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 7, 2019
6:00 PM**

RESOLUTION #18/19-230

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE POLICY FOR SUN SAFETY FOR OUTDOOR RECREATION/OUTDOOR WORKSITES

BY: ALDERMAN RUSSO

WHEREAS, the New York State Public Employee Sun Safety Law, enacted on August 18, 2006, is an amendment to Section 218-a of the New York State Labor Law. It requires New York State agencies to provide sun safety information to their employees who spend more than a total of five hours per week outdoors.

WHEREAS, Resolution#18-19-187 by the City of Amsterdam, New York in support of the "Community Cancer Prevention in Action Program of Fulton, Montgomery and Schenectady Counties" as a New York State Department of Health program supporting local cancer prevention and risk reduction interventions using a policy, systems and environmental (PSE) change approach.

WHEREAS, Skin Cancer being the most common cancer in the United States with 1 in 5 Americans diagnosed. In New York, 4,000 cases of Melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer, are diagnosed each year. Five hundred New Yorkers die from Melanoma each year. The risk for skin cancer can be greatly reduced when certain precautions are practiced.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Amsterdam, New York that it is committed to promoting sun safe practices for visitors and staff and will implement and support environmental changes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Amsterdam has adopted a policy for Sun Safety for Outdoor Recreation to reduce the exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UV rays) which overtime can increase risk towards skin cancer. The attached policy is an action to reduce the risk of skin cancer in the City of Amsterdam.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the City of Amsterdam that it supports the adopted Sun Safety for Outdoor Recreation Policy by providing education and raising awareness to the community and staff to prevent skin cancer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Amsterdam has adopted a policy for Sun Safety for Outdoor Worksites to protect employees from adverse effects associated with prolonged exposure to outdoor UV rays. The attached policy is an action to reduce the risk of skin cancer to create a healthy and safe workforce which we are committed to.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the City of Amsterdam that it supports the adopted Sun Safety for Outdoor Worksites Policy by providing education and raising awareness to employees to prevent skin cancer by including it into the City of Amsterdam Employee Handbook.

MOTION TO TABLE by Alderman Russo passed with Aye. (5/7/2019)

MOTION TO REMOVE FROM TABLE AND AMEND by Alderman Dybas amended item indicated with underlined text passed with Aye.

Common Council
City of Amsterdam, NY

	Aye	Nay
Alderman Russo	√	
Alderman Ochal	√	
Alderman Collins	√	
Alderman Dybas	√	
Alderman Martuscello	√	


MICHAEL J. VILLA, MAYOR

DATED: 5-22, 2019

This is to certify that I, Laura Barquero, City Clerk of the City of Amsterdam, County of Montgomery, State of New York, that the above is the original Resolution, passed by the City of Amsterdam Common Council on May 21, 2019 a majority of all members elected to the Council voting in favor.

I have set my hand and the official seal of the City of Amsterdam this 22nd day of May, 2019


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Rationale:

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States. Exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation in sunlight causes nearly all skin cancer cases. The risk for skin cancer can be greatly reduced when certain precautions are practiced. Therefore, The City of Amsterdam is committed to promoting sun safe practices to visitors and staff and will implement the following sun safety policy.

Policy:

City of Amsterdam will promote basic personal strategies for preventing skin cancer for visitors:

- Wear sun-protective clothing that includes:
 - Full-brimmed hats, long sleeve shirts, full-length pants made of tightly woven fabric that is lightweight
 - Use sunglasses that state they protect from 100% UVA & UVB.
 - Carry and use sunscreen and lip balm with a minimum of SPF 15 applying to all exposed areas of the skin.
 - Reduce exposure to sunlight between 10 AM and 4 PM (10 AM to 3 PM during the winter), when feasible.
 - Play in shaded areas, when practical.
 - Seek shade when outside in the sun.
1. If appropriate, site/event will encourage sun protective items such as hats, protective clothing, umbrellas, and sunscreen accessible by selling items from vendors and local businesses to visitors to encourage them to practice sun safety while participating in outdoor recreation activities.
 2. The City of Amsterdam will consider the availability of shade for visitors when planning outdoor activities such as community events, festivals, or sports competitions on-site.
 3. The City of Amsterdam will make shade available for visitors in high-use recreation areas.
 4. When possible, outdoor activities will be scheduled before 10 AM or after 4 PM, from March through October. The availability of shade will be considered when planning such activities during these time frames.
 5. Sun safety instruction will be incorporated into any City of Amsterdam activities/curricula for visitors.
 6. Visitors will be encouraged and reminded to practice basic personal strategies for preventing skin cancer through on-site communications (ex: verbal reminders, signage, brochures, etc.) at strategic locations (ex: waiting areas, restrooms, etc.)
 7. Visitors will be encouraged and reminded to practice basic personal strategies for preventing skin cancer on-site through City of Amsterdam written communications (ex: website, social media, newsletters, etc.).

Planning:

A program committee or other appointed group following an established timetable will develop and implement a plan to assess existing shade to determine if and where additional shade is needed; such as placing trees and/or constructing shelters that provide shade for protecting people that engage in outdoor activities occurring in the City of Amsterdam. *Note: In most cases, the preferred location for providing shade will be along or near the borders of recognized recreation areas or athletic fields. This will allow visitors and staff to easily access shade when they are not actively participating in activities*

Policy Monitoring and Review:

City of Amsterdam will evaluate and revise this policy on an annual basis.

Contact Regarding Policy:

Contact Director of Tourism, Marketing and Recreation, Rob Spagnola, with questions or concerns about the policy.

Date Policy Adopted: May 21, 2019

Date Policy Updated: May 21, 2019

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Rationale:

Skin cancer is the most common cancer in the United States. Exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation causes nearly all skin cancer cases. The City of Amsterdam is committed to the health and safety of its workers, including protecting our employees from the adverse effects associated with prolonged exposure to outdoor UV radiation. Encouraging and providing sun safety behaviors in outdoor workers helps create a healthy and safe workforce.

Policy:

This policy applies to every department/division, supervisor, and employee of the City of Amsterdam, where outdoor work or work assignments are required and there is a risk of exposure to UV radiation as a result of these activities.

Hats, Protective Clothing, Sunglasses, and Sunscreen

- For all outdoor labor occurring on sunny days – especially between 10 AM to 4 PM – employees will be encouraged to: Wear sun-protective clothing that includes: Full-brimmed hats that, when worn, create a shadow that completely covers the head, face, nose, ears, and neck. Long-sleeve shirts and full-length pants made of tightly woven fabric that is lightweight.
- Wear sunglasses that protect from 100 percent of UVA & UVB (full spectrum).
- Carry and use sunscreen and lip balm with a minimum of SPF 15

Environment Controls

As scheduling permits, City of Amsterdam supervisors will schedule outdoor work before 10 AM or after 4 PM when feasible in April through September to avoid peak sun intensity; as well as work in shaded areas, when practical. However, scheduling constraints should not reduce productivity.

The City of Amsterdam will provide shaded outdoor break areas for all employees.

The City of Amsterdam will provide permanent or temporary shade structures for off-site jobs whenever feasible.

Training & Communication

All outdoor employees of the City of Amsterdam will receive annual sun safety training encouraging them to practice sun safety behaviors while on the job.

City of Amsterdam new staff orientations/communications will include information on UV protection, sun safety behaviors, and/or skin cancer prevention.

City of Amsterdam supervisors will receive UV protection, skin cancer prevention, and/or sun safety training encouraging them to practice sun safety behaviors while on the job and role model to reinforce use of sun-protective equipment for employees.

The City of Amsterdam will share the Environmental Protection Agency's UV Index daily for employees.

The Sun Safety Policy guidelines will be communicated and encouraged to employees by supervisors and administrative staff through new employee orientation/communications, verbal reminders, posters, signs, pamphlets, newsletters, and meetings.

Policy Monitoring and Review: This policy is the shared responsibility of all City of Amsterdam personnel. All employees are authorized and encouraged to communicate and partake in the necessary precautions of this policy during the working hours to prevent and reduce the risk of skin cancer.

City of Amsterdam supervisors will understand, model and encourage employees to follow the Sun Safety Policy guidelines.

City of Amsterdam supervisors will annually evaluate and revise sun safety efforts, policies and procedures. Supervisors will implement sun safety programs all year, especially during, but not restricted to, the months of April through September. Evaluation of the effectiveness of the policy should be ongoing.

Contact Regarding Policy:

Contact Mayor Michael Villa with questions or concerns about the policy.

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