



Barnegat Light Taxpayers' Association

7/6/15

ATTN: Gail Wetmore

Greetings,

Listed below are the results of our email survey. Please provide the Mayor and Council Members copies, prior to the Borough Council Meeting on Wednesday July 8, 2015.

Thank you,

John Tennyson, for the Barnegat Light Taxpayers' Association.

As you will recall, on 6/22/2015 BLTA sent out an e-mail to our database regarding a Beach Smoking Ban that the Barnegat Light Council is considering. It read in part as follows:

"In an effort to assist Borough Council with their decision making process, we are conducting this short survey. Please e-mail us back with your opinion on this matter as follows:

1. *Yes, Ban Smoking on the Beach.*
2. *No, do not Ban Smoking on the Beach.*
3. *Allow Smoking, outside the Flags."*

Interest in the issue ran high, as we got a very quick and strong response – 291 responses in total (giving us a 41% response rate overall)

The breakdown of the response is:

Supporting a Total Ban (#1):	211 or 73%
Supporting a Partial Ban (#3):	56 or 19%
Opposing any Ban (#2):	24 or 8%

Some observations:

- 92% of respondents support a full or partial smoking ban on the beach
- Many who supported a ban accompanied their vote with an emphatically worded comment
- Concerns raised by some centered on how the new rule could be enforced, and by whom