

## Tobacco-Free/Nicotine-Free Policy guidelines for use with Parks

### Policy:

Tobacco and nicotine use, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, pipes, snus, Electronic Smoking Devices (ESD) and nicotine products that are not Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved for tobacco cessation, is prohibited at all times on park grounds. No person shall use any form of tobacco, nicotine or ESD product at or on any City-owned or operated park grounds. This tobacco/nicotine/ESD policy applies to all employees, independent contractors, participants in events, and the general public while on park grounds.

### Enforcement:

- a) Appropriate signs shall be posted in appropriate areas.
- b) The community, especially users and staff of park grounds, will be notified about this policy.
- c) City officials, city employees, parents, coaches, volunteers and citizens of the community are asked to help enforce compliance with this policy.
- d) Any person found violating this policy will be asked to refrain from tobacco, nicotine or ESD use or risk immediate ejection from the grounds.
- e) If the violator refuses to leave, the staff may contact local authorities.

### Effective Date:

This policy statement is effective immediately upon the date of adoption.

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Appropriate Official

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Date

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To ensure the park has a strong tobacco-free/nicotine-free policy, and to qualify for free outdoor signage, the policy must explicitly include all of the following:

- ✓ Policy must include 100% tobacco-free/nicotine-free grounds, at all times
- ✓ Policy must extend to all types of tobacco, nicotine and ESD products (i.e. not only cigarettes; include all tobacco, ESDs and nicotine products not approved by the FDA for cessation.)
- ✓ There should not be any designated smoking areas
- ✓ Policy must include persons responsible for enforcement