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TOBACCO FREE ZONE POLICY FOR BROOKINGS PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

Policy Statement

The Brookings Parks and Recreation Dept. is committed to the quality of life for all residents, therefore, we believe that:

Tobacco products use in proximity of children, youth and adults engaging in or watching recreational activities is unhealthy and detrimental to the health of others. Tobacco products once consumed in public spaces are often discarded on the ground, thus posing a risk of ingestion to toddlers and wildlife and causing a litter problem. As parents, leaders, coaches, and officials we are thought of as role models, and the use of tobacco products around youth has a negative effect on their lifestyle choices.

Tobacco-Free Facilities

The Brookings Parks and Recreation Dept. does not allow the use of tobacco products in any City-owned indoor or scheduled facility, including but not limited to: Hillcrest Aquatic Center, Larson Ice Center, and Fishback Soccer Championship Field. Use of tobacco products is limited to beyond 100 feet of an entrance typically used by the public to enter these facilities.

No tobacco products may be consumed in any City park or facility during organized youth activities (under 18 years old), including but not limited to: baseball, basketball, football, hockey, ice rinks, skateboard, soccer, softball, tennis, and other recreational programming.

Tobacco products are defined as: chewing tobacco, cigarettes, cigarillos, cigars, electronic cigarettes, hookah, snuff, and snus.

Compliance Procedures

The emphasis on enforcing the Tobacco-Free facility policy is through voluntary compliance.

Dissemination of the Policy

1. Participants, parents, and spectators will be notified of the policy through the sponsoring organization.
2. Signage will be provided in all tobacco-free areas
3. Information will be posted on Parks & Recreation Department websites.

Education and enforcement

- Policy will be posted on the department web site.
- Community will be notified about policy through social and news media.
- Will be posted on all permits for use of parks.
- Will become part of all sports rules for adult and youth.
- Will be added to signage when possible during replacements and renovations so people know which areas are designated as tobacco free zones.
- Staff will make periodic observations of facilities and monitor for compliance and ask violators to comply or move to another zone in the park.
- Any person found violating this policy may be asked to leave the facility for the remainder of the event.
- Self-enforcement, education and knowledge of the policy will be the key to success.