

TITLE: PARKS AND RECREATION NICOTINE, SMOKE AND VAPOR-FREE PARK ZONES

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## 1.0 GENERAL

1.1 The statutory authority for the adoption of this policy is provided in WA. State RCW 70.160, Smoking in Public Places, RCW 70.345 Vapor Products, and the authority of RCW 70.05.060 to preserve, promote, and improve public health. Referenced include: <https://srhd.org/media/documents/901law1.pdf> [BoH Resolution 16-01](#). To establish a Park Board Policy designating specific Nicotine, Smoke, and Vapor-free zones in Parks and Recreation areas, and/or facilities. The purpose of this policy is to protect and promote the health, safety, and welfare of the public by reducing the potential for public exposure to nicotine, harmful chemicals, and other substances. To increase public awareness that consideration must be exercised by Nicotine, Smoke, and Vapor product users when they are in the proximity of non-Nicotine, Smoke, and Vapor users. To establish Nicotine, Smoke, and Vapor-free zones at large public events conducted in Parks and Recreation areas and/or facilities. To help minimize the amount of litter from discarded Nicotine, Smoke, and Vapor on park property.

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## 2.0 DEPARTMENTS/DIVISIONS AFFECTED

This policy shall apply to All property owned and/or managed by the Spokane Parks and Recreation Department, including all facilities located thereon except in any public right of way.

## 3.0 REFERENCES/AUTHORITY

- 3.1 City Charter Article V, Parks and Park Board, Section 48 Park Board powers:

“To make Rules and Regulations for the use of parks and provide for the enforcement of such Rules and Regulations.”

- 3.2 Rules of the Park Board Section 14, General Operating Policies and Procedures, Ruling and Appeals:

“The Park Board may from time to time adopt operating policies, rules of procedures, and codes of ethics to facilitate and guide the conduct of its business, which shall be considered an appendage to these rules of the Park Board.”

“The Director of Parks and Recreation may adopt administrative rules, policies, and procedures not in conflict with these rules or established law as he/she deems necessary to orderly conduct of the Parks and Recreation Department in administering Park Board business.”

#### 4.0 DEFINITIONS

- 4.1 Park Use Rules: Standard rules for use of parks and park facilities
- 4.2 Nicotine, Smoke, and Vapor Users: Anyone using tobacco, nicotine, or vapor products of any type in Nicotine, Smoke, and Vapor-free zones in Parks and Recreation areas and/or facilities. This includes, but not limited to, electronic nicotine devices (ENDS), Chewable Tobacco, Cigarettes, and non-tobacco nicotine products.
- 4.3 Department: The city of Spokane Parks and Recreation Department
- 4.4 Director: The Director of the city of Spokane Parks and Recreation
- 4.5 Board: The Spokane Parks and Recreation Park Board
- 4.6 Parks and Recreation Areas: All property owned and/or managed by the Spokane Parks and Recreation Department, including all facilities located thereon except in any public right of way.
- 4.7 Nicotine, Smoke, and Vapor-Free Zones Areas: Any Parks and Recreation owned/or managed property or facility displaying Nicotine, Smoke, and Vapor -free signage.

4.8 Park Staff: Administrative staff working for the Spokane Parks and Recreation Department.

4.9 "Vape" or "Vaping": The use of a vapor product, or the act of inhaling/exhaling the vapor or aerosol from a vapor product.

## 5.0 POLICY

5.1 Tobacco-free zones are established where children recreate, such as playgrounds, swimming pools, splash pads, picnic shelters, park restrooms, skate parks, formal gardens, etc. Community events where Nicotine, Smoke, and Vapor use is restricted will be added as appropriate.

5.2 It shall be the responsibility of the Park Board to coordinate all media information related to this policy.

5.3 The Spokane Parks and Recreation Department will provide and install standardized Nicotine, Smoke, and Vapor-free signs where required.

5.4 Funding will be sought for procurement and installation of signs through outside resources. Temporary event signage will be the responsibility of the event sponsor. Signs will be updated as funding is available.

5.5 The promotion of Nicotine, Smoke, and Vapor-based products is prohibited at all park properties and event(s) conducted on park property.

5.6 Each and every request for an event permit will require a review of the Nicotine, Smoke, and Vapor policy with the user group.

5.7 Enforcement of this policy will be self-directed and by peer-pressure influence. Voluntary compliance will be encouraged through signage, educational material, and public information releases.

5.8 Exemptions to this policy are only to include FDA approved nicotine cessation methods.

APPROVED BY:

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