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Spokane Parks and Recreation Board Policy:

Tobacco-Free Park Zones In Parks and Recreation Areas and/or Facilities

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1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To establish a Park Board Policy designating specific tobacco-free zones in Parks and Recreation areas and/or facilities.
- 1.2 To increase public awareness that consideration must be exercised by tobacco product users when they are in the proximity to non-tobacco users. Of primary importance is role modeling by adults to eliminate tobacco use by youth and children.
- 1.3 To establish tobacco-free zones at large public events conducted in Parks and Recreation areas and/or facilities.
- 1.4 To help minimize the amount of litter from discarded tobacco products on park property.

2.0 REFERENCES/AUTHORITY

- 2.1 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".

- 2.2 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.”

3.0 DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 **Park Use Rules**: Standard rules for use of parks and park facilities.
- 3.2 **Tobacco Users**: Anyone using tobacco products of any type in tobacco-free zones in Parks and Recreation areas and/or facilities.
- 3.3 **Department**: The City of Spokane Parks and Recreation Department.
- 3.4 **Director**: The Director of the City of Spokane Parks and Recreation Department.
- 3.5 **Board**: The Spokane Parks and Recreation Board.
- 3.6 **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.
- 3.7 **Tobacco-Free Zones Areas**: Any Parks and Recreation owned/or managed property or facility displaying tobacco-free signage.
- 3.8 **Park Staff**: Administrative staff working for the Spokane Parks and Recreation Department.

4.0 POLICY

- 4.1 Tobacco-free zones areas are established where children recreate, such as playgrounds, swim pools, splash pads, picnic shelters, park restrooms, skateparks, formal gardens, etc. Community events where tobacco use is restricted will be added as appropriate.

- 4.2 It shall be the Policy of the Park Board to coordinate all media information regarding tobacco-free.
- 4.3 The Spokane Parks and Recreation Department will provide and install standardized tobacco-free zone signs where required.
- 4.4 Funding will be sought for procurement and installation of signs through outside resources. Temporary event signage will be the responsibility of the event sponsor.
- 4.5 The promotion of tobacco based products is prohibited at all park properties and events conducted on park property.
- 4.6 Each and every request for an event permit will require a review of the Tobacco policy with the user group.
- 4.7 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.

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