

TOBACCO FREE PARKS POLICY

Policy Statement

The City of Lawrence, Parks and Recreation Department is committed to the quality of life for all residents, therefore we believe that:

1. Tobacco products and associated smoking delivery devices used in proximity of children, youth and adults engaging in or watching recreational activities is unhealthy and detrimental to the health of others.
2. Parks are healthy places for youth, families and community. LPRD has a unique opportunity to create and sustain an environment that discourages tobacco use and promote a positive role model for youth.
3. Smoke free parks reduce litter and pollution. Tobacco products once consumed in public spaces are often discarded on the ground thus posing a risk of ingestion by toddlers, pets and wildlife and causing a land and water pollution problem.

Tobacco-Free Facilities

The City of Lawrence, Parks and Recreation Department does not allow the use of tobacco products or smoking delivery devices on LPRD operated, programmed or leased lands including but not limited to, park and recreation facilities, athletic fields, dugouts, sidelines and bleachers, dog parks, cemeteries, open spaces, golf course, skating rink, hiking/biking trails, pools, park shelters, playgrounds, restrooms and concession stands.

Definitions

Smoking delivery devices are defined to include but are not limited to any lighted, unlighted or electronic cigarette, cigarillo, cigar, pipe, hookah or vape pen device that delivers tobacco products, nicotine or other substances to the person from the device, and any cartridge or other component of the smoking device or related product.

Tobacco products include any smokeless, spit or spit-less, dissolvable, absorbable, inhaled, exhaled or snorted products that consist of natural or synthetic vegetation, chemicals or derivatives, herbs, and all tobacco, nicotine or other lighted or vaporized substances. This

definition of tobacco products does not include drugs, devices, or combination products (e.g. over-the-counter skin patches, chewing gum, lozenges or other prescription-only nicotine replacement products) approved for sale by the United States Food and Drug Administration, as those terms are defined in the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

Commitment to Compliance

Appropriate signage will be purposefully placed targeting areas with greatest public gathering. Internal and external user groups, organizations and individuals that utilize LPRD facilities will be asked to commit to enforcing this policy and educate their coaches, officials, volunteers, participants, invitees and spectators. Parks and Recreation staff will periodically observe areas for compliance and take opportunities to provide ongoing community education.

Adoption and Implementation

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Policy Adoption Date: By Lawrence City Commission TBA

Policy Implementation Date: April 1, 2016