



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



Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to designate specific tobacco-free zones in Parks and Recreation areas and/or facilities within the City of Mt. Pleasant Parks System including large public events conducted within Parks and Recreation areas and facilities.

Definition:

Tobacco and tobacco products including traditional cigarettes, e-cigarettes, chew, pipes, cigars, hookah or waterpipe smoking, snus, snuff, etc.

Objectives:

- To designate specific tobacco-free zones in Parks areas and facilities.
- To increase public awareness that consideration must be exercised by tobacco product users when they are in proximity to non-tobacco users. Of primary importance is role modeling by adults to eliminate tobacco use by youth.
- To establish tobacco-free zones at large public events conducted in Parks and Recreation areas and/or facilities.
- To help minimize the amount of litter from discarded tobacco products within the parks on City property.

Policy:

- Tobacco-free zone areas shall be established where children recreate, such as playgrounds, splash pads, picnic shelters, park restrooms, sports fields, skate parks, etc. Community events where tobacco use is restricted will be added as appropriate.
- The Parks Director, in cooperation with the Parks & Recreation Commission, shall have the authority to establish and designate these zones consistent with the objectives of this policy.
- The City of Mt. Pleasant Parks and Recreation Department will provide and install tobacco-free zone signs where required and will coordinate all media information regarding tobacco-free zones.
- The promotion of tobacco based products is prohibited at all park properties and events conducted on park property.
- All requests for an event permit will require a review of the tobacco policy with the user group.
- Enforcement of this policy will be self-directed and by influence and interaction; compliance will be encouraged and supported through signage, educational material and public information.