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TO: League & Organizations Presidents and Event Coordinators

FROM: Bill Garfield,
Director, Recreation

SUBJECT: Smoke & Tobacco Free Policy

DATE: Original Date: April 21, 2015 Updated: January 14, 2021

Please be advised that the Milford Park, Beach and Recreation Commission approved a Smoke and Tobacco Free Policy for all Recreation Facilities under its jurisdiction at its April 2015 meeting. A copy of the policy is enclosed.

The policy provides, in relevant part, that, “[it] shall apply equally to all organizations and persons using Recreation facilities, and their use of the facilities is contingent upon compliance with policy.”

Thus, the policy applies to your organization’s use of City’s Recreation facilities.

The City will post signs, in the form attached, at all recreation facilities. In addition, the City will publicize the adoption of this policy to inform and educate the public in an effort to ensure cooperation and adherence with same.

Thank you for your cooperation and support of this policy. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Enclosures

Cc: Benjamin G. Blake, Mayor

Jonathan Berchem, City Attorney

Dan Worroll, Chairman – Parks, Beach and Recreation Commission

WHEREAS, the Milford Park, Beach and Recreation Commission is committed to maintaining and improving the health and well-being of the community; and

WHEREAS, the Milford Park, Beach and Recreation Commission recognizes that medical research has proven that smoking and the use of tobacco products poses a significant risk to the health of the smoker and the non-smoker, and the Commission accepts the belief that adults should be positive role models and should exhibit healthy and positive behaviors; and

WHEREAS, cigarettes, often discarded on the ground when consumed in public places, diminish the beauty of the City's recreational facilities and poses a risk to children; and

WHEREAS the Milford Park, Beach and Recreation Commission determined that the prohibition of tobacco product use at the City's recreational facilities serves to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of our City.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Milford Park, Beach and Recreation Commission that all City recreational facilities shall be smoke and tobacco free zones.

Section 1

No person shall use any form of tobacco at or on any City-owned or operated outdoor recreational facilities, including the restrooms, spectator and concession areas. These facilities include, but are not limited to, athletic fields, beaches, parks, playgrounds, recreation/community centers, skate park, tennis / basketball courts, and walking/hiking trails.

The use of tobacco products is permitted in designated parking areas.

This smoke and tobacco free policy shall apply equally to all organizations and persons using Recreation facilities, and their use of the facilities is contingent upon compliance with policy.

Section 2

Appropriate signs shall be posted at all areas that prohibit the use of tobacco products. The community, especially facility users and staff, will be notified about this policy. Staff will make periodic observations of recreational facilities to monitor compliance. Any person found violating this policy shall be subject to immediate ejection from the recreation facility and may further be denied access to such facility in the future.

Definitions

As used herein, the terms "smoke " or "smoking" shall mean the use of any tobacco products including, but not limited to, the lighting or carrying of a lit cigarette, cigar, pipe or similar device; or the use of smokeless tobacco products e.g. electronic cigarettes or chewing tobacco.

As used herein, the term "recreation facilities" shall mean any outdoor area owned or operated by the City of Milford and open to the general public for primary recreational purposes, regardless of any fee or age requirement including but not limited to beaches, picnic areas, playgrounds, sports or athletic fields, bleachers, walking paths, gardens, hiking trails, bike paths and dog parks.





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We Appreciate Your Cooperation

Per Policy of the Park, Beach and Recreation Commission (Adopted April 2015)