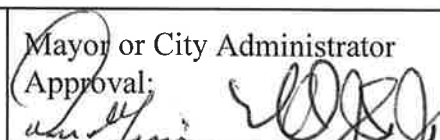




## Administrative Policy and Procedure City of Bonney Lake, Washington

SUBJECT: TOBACCO USE IN CITY PARKS		
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### 1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ban the use of tobacco in City Parks. The City of Bonney Lake finds that tobacco use and vaping in the proximity of children and adults engaging in or watching outdoor recreational activities at City parks is detrimental to their health and can be offensive to those using such facilities. The Tacoma Pierce County Health Department has included vaping (electronic cigarettes) in the same category as cigarette use, banning them from public places. Cigarettes, once consumed in public spaces, are often discarded on the ground requiring additional maintenance expenses, diminish the beauty of City parks, and pose a risk to toddlers due to ingestion. The City believes parents, leaders, and officials involved in recreation are role models for youth and can have a positive effect on the lifestyle choices they make. The City has a unique opportunity to create and sustain an environment that supports a non-tobacco and non-vaping norm through adoption of this policy.

### 2. ORGANIZATIONS AFFECTED

Public Works, Executive, and Police Departments

### 3. REFERENCES

BLMC 12.12.010

### 4. DEFINITIONS

- 4.1 Tobacco Use. Use of any form of tobacco, including chewing tobacco.  
4.2 Vaping. Use of a cylindrical device which releases smokeless nicotine, heated vapor, flavorings, and other chemicals into the mouth and lungs when it is inhaled.

### 5. RESPONSIBILITIES

- 5.1 Parks staff are responsible for posting appropriate signage notifying the public of no-smoking rules.

- 5.2 Executive and special events staff shall publicize this policy to create awareness of it.
- 5.3 All City employees who are on-duty in City parks are expected to enforce this policy by making violators aware of the policy.
- 5.4 The Police Department will perform any necessary ejection or trespassing as outlined in Section 6, especially in confrontational or recurring situations.

## **6. STATEMENTS OF POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

- 6.1 Although electronic cigarettes (vapers) are smokeless, they are nonetheless considered a health hazard.
- 6.2 Tobacco use and vaping (electronic cigarettes) are prohibited in City parks. No person shall use any form of tobacco or vaping in City parks, including restrooms, beaches, trails, and spectator and concession areas.
- 6.3 Any person found violating this policy may be subject to immediate ejection from the park for the remainder of the day. Repeat or belligerent offenders may be trespassed from the park as needed.