

Mapleton Park Board Tobacco-Free Policy

Section 1: Rationale

WHEREAS, the Mapleton Park Board believes that the use of tobacco products in the proximity of children and adults engaging in or watching recreational activities at park board-owned, operated or leased parks and other recreational facilities, including all buildings and grounds, is detrimental to their health and can be offensive to those using such facilities; and

WHEREAS, for the purposes of this policy, the term "tobacco product" includes any product that contains tobacco, is derived from tobacco or contains nicotine or other similar substances, that is intended for human consumption, or is likely to be consumed, whether smoked, heated, inhaled, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, or ingested by any other means. The term "Tobacco Product" includes E-cigarettes and other electronic smoking devices, pipes and rolling papers, but does not include any product approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for legal sale as a tobacco cessation product and is being marketed and sold solely for the approved purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Mapleton Park Board has a unique opportunity to create and sustain an environment that supports a tobacco-free norm through a tobacco-free policy, rule enforcement, and adult-peer role modeling on park board-owned, operated or leased indoor and outdoor parks and recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Mapleton Park Board 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; and

WHEREAS, according to the World Health Organization, the use of e-cigarettes, which often resemble traditional cigarettes, can renormalize cigarette smoking thus leading to an increase in the use of tobacco products; and

WHEREAS, tobacco products, once consumed in public spaces, are often discarded on the ground requiring additional maintenance expenses, diminishing the beauty of the park board's park and recreational facilities, and posing a risk to toddlers and animals due to ingestion; and

WHEREAS, the Mapleton Park Board determines that prohibiting the use of tobacco products at the park board's parks and recreational facilities serves to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of our city .

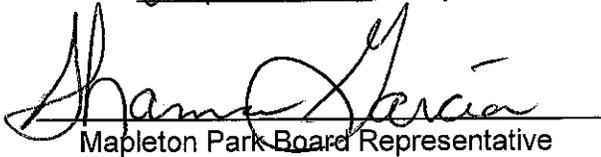
THEREFORE, be it resolved that the use of tobacco products is prohibited in park board-owned or leased parks and recreational facilities, including both outdoor and enclosed areas (as such term is defined in Section 23-12-09 of the North Dakota Century Code) of parks and recreational facilities. This prohibition includes all facilities at which parks and recreation-sponsored activities occur. No person shall use any tobacco products at or on any outdoor or enclosed areas of Mapleton Park Board-owned or operated recreational facilities, including but not limited to, parks, playgrounds, athletic fields, restrooms, spectator areas, enclosed buildings, concession areas, covered or uncovered picnic areas or shelters, aquatic areas, green spaces, walking/hiking trails and parking lots.

Section 2: Enforcement

1. Appropriate signs shall be posted in the above specified areas in highly visible locations.
2. The community, especially facility users and staff, will be notified about this policy.
3. The community will be encouraged to educate any violators about the policy and to notify staff of any violations.
4. Staff will make periodic observations of recreational facilities to monitor for compliance.
5. Individuals or organizations who lease any outdoor parks or indoor or outdoor recreational facilities are responsible for enforcing the terms of this policy during such time as the lease is effective.
6. Any person found violating this policy may be subject to immediate ejection from the recreational facility [until such use is discontinued].

Section 3: Effective Date

This policy statement is effective immediately upon the date of adoption, which is Oct 19, 2014.


Mapleton Park Board Representative

10/19/14
Date