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| **Sample Tobacco/Smoke-Free Park/Walking Trails** **Policies and Procedures** |
| **Title: Tobacco-Free Park/Walking Trails Policy** | **Date Implemented:**  | **Approved by:** |

**TOBACCO AND SMOKE FREE PARKS POLICY**

**WHEREAS,** numerous scientific studies have found that tobacco smoke is a major contributor to indoor air pollution; and

**WHEREAS,** reliable scientific studies, including studies by the Surgeon General of the United States and studies commissioned and assessed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, have shown that breathing side-stream or secondhand smoke is a significant health hazard to nonsmokers by increasing the risk of heart disease, stroke, respiratory disease, and lung cancer, and that children, the elderly or others with compromised immune systems have an increased risk of asthma, respiratory infections, sudden infant death syndrome, developmental abnormalities, and cancer; and

**WHEREAS,** health hazards induced by exposure to environmental tobacco smoke include lung and other forms of cancer, respiratory infection, decreased respiratory function, decreased exercise tolerance, broncho­constriction and broncho-spasm, and that the most common cause of

 premature death from environmental tobacco smoke is heart disease; and

**WHEREAS,** reliable scientific studies assessed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency have found that side-stream and secondhand tobacco smoke is a leading cause of premature death and disability among nonsmokers; and

**WHEREAS,** air pollution caused by smoking is an offensive annoyance and irritant. Smoking results in serious and significant physical discomfort of nonsmokers in public places and work places; and

WHEREAS, the City of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Arkansas (the City) believes that tobacco use in the proximity of children and adults engaging in or watching outdoor recreational activities at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parks and Recreation-owned or operated facilities is detrimental to their health and can be offensive to those using such facilities; and

WHEREAS, the City has a unique opportunity to create and sustain an environment that supports a non-tobacco norm through a tobacco-free policy, rule enforcement, and adult peer role modeling on all \_\_\_\_\_\_ and Recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, the tobacco industry advertises at and sponsors recreational events to foster a connection between tobacco use and recreation; and

WHEREAS, cigarettes, once consumed in public spaces, are often discarded on the ground requiring additional maintenance expenses, diminish the beauty of the City's Parks and Recreation facilities, and pose a risk to toddlers due to ingestion; and

WHEREAS, the City determines that the prohibition of tobacco use at the City's recreational facilities serves to protect the health, safety and welfare of all citizens.

1. DEFINITIONS

*Tobacco product* For the purposes of this policy “tobacco” is to include any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco that is intended for human consumptions, whether chewed, smoked, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means or any component, part, or accessory of a tobacco products to include but not limited to: any lighted or unlighted cigarette, cigar, pipe, and any other smoking product, and spit tobacco, also known as smokeless, dip, chew, snus, and snuff, in any form including, “e-cigarette” and electronic nicotine devices (ENDs).

*Smoking* means inhaling, exhaling, burning, or carrying any lighted tobacco product, includes cigarettes, cigars, pipe tobacco, or any other lighted combustible plant material.

*Property and Grounds* Any and all facilities/grounds, owned, leased, operated by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_including any and all facilities/grounds owned leased, operated by clients/customers of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and all company-owned or company-leased vehicles.

*Exemption* Nicotine use: Only FDA approved cessation products are allowed. This includes: nicotine gum, nicotine lozenge, nicotine patch, pharmaceutical nicotine inhaler (this does not include any form of e-products) and nicotine nasal spray*.*

*Smoking -* For purposes of this Policy, "smoking" means inhaling, exhaling, burning or carrying any lighted tobacco product.

*City Park -* For purposes of this Policy, "City Park" means any real property owned, leased or operated by the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, designated by the City of Little Rock as park land and listed in the City of Little Rock's parkland asset inventory. "City Park" includes, but is not limited to, park land currently in existence or acquired in the future, and all indoor facilities located within the City Park as well as all other areas of the City Parks, whether indoor or outdoor.

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not limited to, all indoor facilities located within the City Parks as well as walking trails all other areas of the City Parks, whether indoor or outdoor.

*Signage stating said policy shall be posted throughout City Parks.*

Any person violating this policy may be asked of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

personnel to quit smoking or using tobacco products or asked to immediately leave the park or recreational facility if the person does not quit smoking or using tobacco.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of this Tobacco and Smoke Free Parks Policy shall be\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

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