



Eaton County Parks

A MEMORABLE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCE

Smoke-Free Policy

Section 1: Rationale

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Parks Commission believes that smoking in the proximity of children and adults engaging in or watching outdoor recreational activities at County owned or operated facilities is detrimental to their health and can be offensive to those using such facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Parks has a unique opportunity to create and sustain an environment that supports a non-smoking norm through a smoke-free policy, rule enforcement, and adult-peer role modeling on County owned outdoor recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, Eaton County Parks 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, cigarettes, once consumed in public spaces, are often discarded on the ground requiring additional maintenance expenses, diminish the beauty of the recreational facilities, and pose a risk to others due to ingestion; and

WHEREAS, the Eaton County Parks Commission determines that the prohibition of smoking at recreational facilities serves to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of our community.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that smoking is discouraged throughout Eaton County Parks and prohibited in designated areas. No person shall use any form of smoking at or on County owned or operated parks in the following designated areas - playgrounds, athletic fields, beaches, aquatic areas, restrooms, spectator and concession areas, and all other enclosed structures.

Section 2: Enforcement

1. Any person found violating this policy will be subject to ejection from the recreation facility for the remainder of the event.
2. Appropriate signs shall be posted in the above specified areas.
3. The community, especially facility users and staff, will be notified about this policy.
4. Park staff will monitor facilities for compliance with this policy.

Section 3: Effective Date

This policy statement is effective immediately upon the date of adoption, which is May 2, 2012.

Robert McConnell, Chair
Eaton County Parks Commission

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Date