

Sample Policy

City/Township/Borough/Municipality/ Organization of _____

GUIDELINE STATEMENT

The _____ City/Township/Borough/Municipality/ Organization Parks and Recreation Tobacco-Free Policy is designed to protect the health welfare and safety of our park patrons.

POLICY STATEMENT

The City/Township/Borough/Municipality of _____ is committed to providing a high quality of living for all residents. Therefore, we believe that:

1. Tobacco products* used in proximity of children, youth, and adults engaging in or watching recreational activities are unhealthy and detrimental to the health of others.
2. Tobacco products* consumed in public spaces are often discarded on the ground, thus posing a risk of ingestion to toddlers and causing a litter problem.
3. As parents, leaders, coaches and officials, we are thought of as role models, and the use of tobacco products* around youth has a negative effect on their lifestyle choices.

TOBACCO FREE FACILITIES

The City/Township/Borough/Municipality of _____ does not allow the use of **tobacco products***, including **electronic cigarettes**, on City/Township/Borough/Municipality owned park land, park facilities, open space or joint City/Township/Borough/Municipality school district properties.

COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES

The emphasis on enforcing the Tobacco-Free Park policy is through voluntary compliance:

1. Appropriate town owned park land, park facilities, open space or joint town/school district properties will post *Young Lungs at Play* signage.
2. City/Township/Borough/Municipality/Organization staff will meet with organizations and/or leaders or coaches to discuss the policy and to distribute flyers with the “tobacco-free” regulations.
3. City/Township/Borough/Municipality staff will make periodic observations of activity sites to monitor compliance and help to promote awareness of the tobacco-free policy.

Policy Adoption Date: _____ Mayor/Council/Supervisor _____
Seal

Clerk: _____

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*“Tobacco product” means:

(a) Any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, including, but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, little cigars, chewing tobacco, pipe tobacco, snuff¹; and

(b) Any electronic device that delivers nicotine or other substances to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to an electronic cigarette, cigar, pipe, or hookah.

(c) Notwithstanding any provision of subsections (a) and (b) to the contrary, “tobacco product” includes any component, part, or accessory of a tobacco product, whether or not sold separately. “Tobacco product” does not include any product that has been approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for sale as a tobacco cessation product or for other therapeutic purposes where such product is marketed and sold for such an approved purpose.

¹ This list of products is subject to adjustment to conform to terms used in specific state or local laws.