

Sample Tobacco Free Policy Recreation Areas and Parks

Town of _____

An order to promote the health and safety of _____ residents by establishing all _____ Recreation Program property as a Tobacco-Free Zone.

Whereas the town of _____, Maine, has set a goal that _____ be a safe and healthy place to live and work; and

Whereas tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of death and disease in the United States, as well as in the State of Maine; and

Whereas secondhand smoke contains many harmful chemicals and cancer causing agents, and is a serious health risk to humans, especially infants, children, and pregnant women; and increases a nonsmoker's risk of asthma, heart disease, and lung cancer; and

Whereas chewing tobacco contains many harmful chemicals and cancer causing agents, and its use is associated with cancers of the mouth, gums, tongue, and throat; and

Whereas tobacco use in and around the _____ Recreation Program Property sends contradictory messages to young people who are participating in activities beneficial to their health, while at the same time exposed to the use of tobacco products; and

Whereas the purpose of the _____ Program is to provide quality recreation and leisure experiences that enhance the quality of life for citizens of _____, including providing a safe environment for these experiences; and

Whereas tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke are contrary to enhancing the quality of life and providing safe environments;

Now therefore be it resolved that _____ does hereby declare that its property is a tobacco-free zone and specifically restricts the use of any tobacco product, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, and chewing tobacco, on, in, or at any athletic facility, playground, or assembly area operated by this recreation program.

~This sample policy was adapted from

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