

**CITY OF FAIRFAX PARK AND RECREATION
TOBACCO-FREE PARK SYSTEM POLICY**

1. GUIDELINE STATEMENT.

City of Fairfax Parks and Recreation Tobacco-Free Policy is designated to protect the health, welfare, and safety of our park patrons.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

The City of Fairfax is committed to the quality of life for all residents, therefore, we believe:

- a. All forms of tobacco product use in the proximity of children, youth and adults engaging in or watching recreational activities is unhealthy and detrimental to the health of others.
- b. All forms of 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.
- c. As community members, parent, leaders, coaches and officials, we are thought of as role models and the use of tobacco product around youth has a negative effect on their lifestyle choices.

3. TOBACCO-FREE FACILITIES

The City of Fairfax does not allow the use of any tobacco products on City owned park land, recreational facilities, City facilities, and open space.

4. COMPLIANCE PROCEDURES

The emphasis on enforcing the Tobacco-Free parks and recreation policy is through voluntary compliance:

- a. Appropriate City-owned park land, recreational facilities, open space will be signed.
- b. City of Fairfax staff will meet with activity organizations and/or teachers or coaches to discuss the policy and to distribute flyers with the "Tobacco Free" policy provisions.
- c. City staff will make periodic observations of activity sites to monitor compliance.

5. Exception – Chewing Tobacco at Baseball fields

- a. In recognition of the long-standing connection between the use of chewing tobacco and the sport of baseball, this policy does not apply to the use of chewing tobacco at the baseball facilities at Memorial Park.

6. Adoption Date: September 11, 2012

7. Effective Date October 1, 2012