

## **NO SMOKING POLICY/REGULATION**

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke is especially harmful to children and even brief exposures can be harmful to children. Ingestion of nicotine can cause nicotine poisoning and eating one or more cigarettes or three or more cigarette butts is considered potentially toxic or poisonous to children.

WHEREAS, the Fargo Park District's mission is to provide quality recreational and leisure services at an affordable price to improve the quality of life for all residents in Fargo.

WHEREAS, the Fargo Park District's current Smoking Ordinance prohibits smoking in all buildings and all playgrounds, but does not prohibit smoking at certain Youth-Related and Family Events held at outdoor venues.

WHEREAS, the Fargo Park District desires to protect children from the dangers of secondhand smoke, to protect children from the dangers of nicotine ingestion, and to provide quiet enjoyment for families by creating smoke-free barriers in and around events specifically designed for children.

After consideration of above statements, the input from Staff and the Recreation Committee, the following Policy is adopted:

1. The Fargo Park District Staff, in consultation with the Recreation Committee, may designate an event as a "Smoke Free Event." In deciding whether an event shall be considered a Smoke Free Event, the Recreation Committee and/or Staff should consider the following:
  - (a) The age of the likely attendees or participants. The Staff shall specifically consider whether the majority of the expected attendees or participants are seven teen years of age or younger.
  - (b) The Staff's ability to enforce a no-smoking requirement at the event.
  - (c) The risk of exposure to children and nonsmokers at the event.
  - (d) The location of the event. If the event is located on property which is not owned by the Park District, the Staff shall specifically consider whether the property owner desires to prohibit smoking.
  - (e) Any other negative or positive impact on the event.
2. No person shall smoke cigarettes, cigars, pipes, or other tobacco-related products or dispose of pipe ash, cigarette butts, or any other tobacco-related waste at any Smoke Free Event.

3. Staff shall, when possible, on any advertising of a Smoke Free Event, including but not limited to websites, calendars, and posters, indicate that the event is a Smoke Free Event.
4. Complaints that a particular event is designated as a Smoke Free Event shall be referred by Staff to the Executive Director for action, including further review by the Recreation Committee.