

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF HASTINGS
ADOPTING A TOBACCO FREE POLICY
FOR THE CITY'S PARKS AND OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**

Whereas, On Monday April 16, 2007 the Dakota County Public Health Department along with 10 Hastings High School students made a presentation to the Hastings City Council requesting that the City of Hastings adopt a Tobacco-Free policy for all City Parks and outdoor recreational facilities, and:

Whereas, Tobacco-Free Park and Recreational policies and ordinances have been adopted by approximately 98 local governments throughout the State of Minnesota, and:

Whereas, The City Council of the City of Hastings hereby finds that the following reasons support the need for a Tobacco-Free Policy within the City of Hastings:

- a) Tobacco use within the proximity of children and adults engaging in or watching recreational activities can be detrimental to their health.
- b) Following use, tobacco products are often discarded on the ground, posing a risk of ingestion to young children and animals, and causing significant litter problems requiring additional maintenance expense.
- c) Parents, coaches and other adult leaders serve as role models, and their use of tobacco has a negative effect on the lifestyle choices made by youth.
- d) ISD #200 has a policy prohibiting tobacco use on all school property and through adoption of a similar tobacco policy by the City of Hastings for all City parks and outdoor recreational facilities; all persons are sent a consistent message that tobacco use is not welcome on these grounds.
- e) The prohibition of tobacco use at the city's Parks and outdoor recreational facilities serves to protect the health, safety and welfare of all the citizens of the City of Hastings.

Now, Therefore be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Hastings, as follows:

- 1) Effective June 1, 2007 all City owned or operated Parks and Outdoor Recreational facilities are hereby declared as tobacco free and all users shall refrain from using any tobacco product on any of these City owned or operated parks and outdoor recreational facilities.
- 2) For purposes of this policy only, the Hastings Public Square campus shall be considered a Park, and declared a tobacco free area throughout the grounds of the Hastings Public Square.
- 3) Appropriate signs will be posted in designated areas of Parks and Outdoor Recreational facilities, and the Hastings Public Square, open spaces and trails, indicating that said facilities are Tobacco Free.
- 4) The community will be notified of this policy through various communication channels.
- 5) City staff will make periodic observations of parks and outdoor recreational facilities to monitor for compliance of this policy.

**Adopted by the City Council of the City of Hastings
This 7th Day of May, 2007**

**Ayes:
Nays:**

Paul Hicks, Mayor

Melanie Mesko Lee, City Clerk