

# Osseo Outdoor Parks and Recreational Facilities *Tobacco-Free Policy*

## 1. Guideline Statement

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

## 2. Policy Statement

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

- Tobacco product use in the proximity of children, youth, and adults engaging in or watching recreational activities is unhealthy, offensive, and detrimental to the health of others.
- Tobacco products consumed in public spaces are often discarded on the ground, thus posing a risk of ingestion to toddlers and animals and causing a litter problem.
- 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.
- Parks are a public good to promote exercise and healthy activity.

## 3. Tobacco use prohibited in outdoor recreational facilities

No person shall use any form of tobacco at or on any City-owned park land, recreational facilities, and open space.

## 4. Compliance Procedures

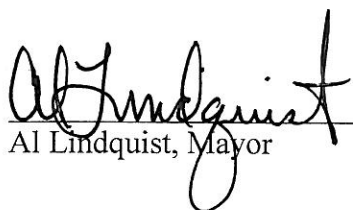
The emphasis on enforcing the Tobacco-Free parks and recreation policy is through voluntary compliance:

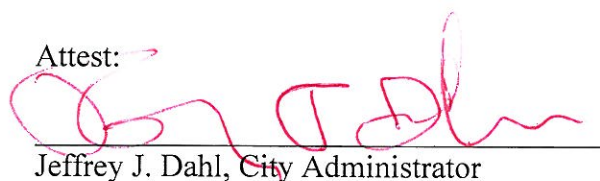
- Appropriate City-owned park land, recreational facilities, and open space will be signed.
- City of Osseo staff will meet with activity organizations and/or leaders or coaches to discuss the policy and to distribute flyers with the "Tobacco Free" regulations.
- City staff will make periodic observations of activity sites to monitor compliance.
- City residents will be informed of the policy through written communication channels (newspaper, city newsletter, etc.).

## 5. Effective Date

This policy statement is effective immediately upon the date of adoption.

Adopted by the Osseo City Council the 13th day of June, 2011.

  
Al Lindquist, Mayor

Attest:  
  
Jeffrey J. Dahl, City Administrator