

RESOLUTION 19-64

City of Waverly Tobacco-Free/Nicotine-Free Policy

WHEREAS, the City of Waverly finds that tobacco/nicotine use in the proximity of children and adults engaging in or watching outdoor activities is detrimental to their health and can be dangerous to those using such grounds; and

WHEREAS, the City has a unique opportunity to create and sustain an environment that supports a non-tobacco and non-nicotine norm through a tobacco-free/nicotine-free policy, rule enforcement, and adult-peer role modeling on City-owned park grounds; and

WHEREAS, parents, leaders, and officials involved in recreation are role models for youth and can have a positive effect on the lifestyle choices they make; and

WHEREAS, the tobacco industry advertises at and sponsors events to foster a connection between tobacco use and recreation; and

WHEREAS, tobacco products (extends to all types of tobacco, nicotine and electronic smoking device (ESD) products), once consumed in public spaces, are often discarded on the ground requiring additional maintenance expenses, diminish the beauty of outdoor grounds, and pose a risk to toddlers, pets and wildlife due to ingestion; and

WHEREAS, the prohibition of tobacco and nicotine use at all times will serve to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of our City.


The following Policy is hereby established:

1. Tobacco and nicotine use, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, pipes, snus, Electronic Smoking Devices (ESD) and nicotine products that are not Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved for tobacco cessation, is prohibited at all times on park grounds, excluding the Waverly Golf Course, Memorial Park Ball Diamonds (except during youth ballgames when the prohibition shall be in place), and the County Fair area during Fair events, with the caveat of when the conversion takes place when the fair and diamonds move from the current location, those areas become nicotine free.
2. No person shall use any form of tobacco, nicotine or ESD product at or on any City-owned or operated park grounds. This tobacco/nicotine/ESD policy applies to all employees, independent contractors, board members, participants in events, and the general public while on park grounds.
3. Enforcement:
 - a. Appropriate signs shall be posted in appropriate areas.
 - b. The community, especially users and staff of park grounds, will be notified about this policy.

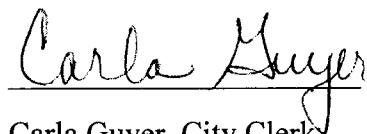
- c. City officials, city employees, parents, coaches, volunteers and citizens of the community are asked to help enforce compliance with this policy.
- d. Any person found violating this policy will be asked to refrain from tobacco, nicotine or ESD use or to leave the grounds.
- e. If the violator refuses to cease tobacco or nicotine use or refuses to leave the grounds, the Waverly Police shall be asked to enforce this policy by removing the violator from the grounds.

Effective Date: This policy statement is effective immediately upon the date this Resolution is adopted by the City Council.

Approved April 15, 2019.

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Dean Soash, Mayor

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carla Guyer", written over a horizontal line.

Carla Guyer, City Clerk



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

City Council Meeting

April 15, 2019

SUBJECT: Approval of a Nicotine Free Parks Policy

Prepared By: Tabor J. Ray, Director of Leisure Services

Recommended Council Action: To approve a no nicotine policy in the Parks and Trails System excluding the Golf Course, Memorial Park Ball Diamonds, and the County Fair area with the caveat of when the conversion takes place when the fair and diamonds move from the current location, those areas become nicotine free.

Summary Statement: The Waverly Health Center Community Health Specialist has requested that we consider a policy of making the parks tobacco free. The Leisure Services Commission has reviewed the issue and recommends the suggested policy.

Expenditure Required: None

Policy Issue: Should the City Council approve an ordinance making the parks system tobacco free?

Alternatives

- To not recommend a tobacco free policy.
- To recommend a tobacco free policy on parts of the park system.

Background Information: Our mission is "Making the Good Life Better". This also means healthy environments. We are in the business of providing the environments that everyone can enjoy. This could go a long way to prevent second hand smoke, spitting messes in the restrooms, and littering.

The Waverly Health Center Community Health Specialist presented the following information at the City Council Study Session on March 25.

The outline below is a short list of what smoke free policy does and does not do.

A policy does:

- Provide a healthier outside environment
- Reduces littering by not having the butts everywhere

What it does not do:

- Enforcement will be complaint driven and will be a further responsibility of the PD.
- Discourage people from using tobacco, only where they can.

It is the Leisure Services Commission recommendation that Council approve the policy.

The WHC will provide signage for the areas through a grant from the Iowa Department of Public Health.

Respectfully submitted,

James Bronner
City Administrator

Attachments:

Feb 21 LS Commission minutes excerpts

Mar 15 City Council minutes excerpts

Leisure Services Commission 02/21/2019

Tobacco Policy

Amanda Ramthun, Waverly Health Center Community Health Specialist has been working with staff to propose a “no nicotine” policy for the parks system. She highlighted the wording in the Leisure Services Mission Statement and related phrases to a no nicotine policy.

A policy would provide a healthier outside environment and reduces littering by not having the butts everywhere. Enforcement will be complaint driven and it does not discourage people from using tobacco, only where they can.

She gave a presentation that was based upon the Waverly Leisure Services Mission Statement:

Simple Truth: Tobacco is harmful to the community and the environment.

Proposal: All Waverly parks and trails designated tobacco and nicotine free.

Leisure Services Mission: We believe in making the good life better by providing safe, modern, well maintained, and aesthetically pleasing environments for the community of today and tomorrow.

Safe

- Dangers of Secondhand Smoke
- There is no risk free level of secondhand smoke.
- Emissions from e-cigarettes.
- Ingestion of other tobacco product waste.

Modern

- Progressive Community
- Progress toward better conditions.
- More social connections in the community.
- Over 100 communities statewide have already taken this action.

Well Maintained and Aesthetically Pleasing

- Appealing and Inviting Environments
- Cleaner environment and less pollution of land and water.
- No tobacco product waste to spend time cleaning up.

Today and Tomorrow

- Example for Youth, Community Members and Other Communities
- Children mimic adult behavior – it normalizes tobacco use.
- Setting an example for healthy choices.
- Fewer opportunities for youth to begin tobacco use.

Wins:

- Potential for lasting impact on tobacco use in the community.
- Improvements to the health of residents.
- Enhanced outdoor environments for local families and visitors.

Motion: To recommend to the City Council to approve a no nicotine policy in the Parks and Trails System excluding the golf course, Memorial Park Ball Diamonds, and the County Fair area with the caveat of when the conversion takes place when the fair and diamonds move from the current location, those areas become nicotine free.

03-19

Moved: Neuendorf

Seconded: Pins

Yes: 4

No: 0

Absent: 3

City Council Study Session 03/25/19

Tobacco and Nicotine Free Parks Discussion

Waverly Health Center Community Health Specialist Amanda Ranthum shared two handouts regarding tobacco and nicotine free parks. The Waverly Health Center holds the Tobacco Prevention and Control Grant for all of Bremer County from the Iowa Department of Public Health. Ms. Ranthum reviewed reasons to implement a tobacco and nicotine free parks and trails policy that would include all parks and trails within the Waverly City limits with the exception of the Municipal Golf Course, Memorial Park Ball Diamonds, and the County Fair area. Tobacco free parks and trails would re-enforce the original purpose of parks and outdoor spaces which is to be active, to be able to relax and to enjoy the outdoors. Ranthum started with the Leisure Services Commission Mission while emphasizing each point and explained how such a policy aligns well with the Mission. The Department of Public Health does provide free signage and communication will be a large part of making people aware of the policy. Peer enforcement also helps with compliance as such a policy would be self-enforced. This policy would include vaping. The grant has been held for at least 10 years and the Waverly Health Center continues to apply every year. Council will entertain public comments at the Council meeting before discussing the proposed policy. Staff will work on a policy and bring it back to Council.

2019 NRPA AGENCY PERFORMANCE REVIEW KEY FINDINGS

**OPERATING
EXPENDITURES
PER CAPITA:
\$78.69/YEAR**



REVENUE-TO-OPERATING
EXPENDITURES:

27.3 PERCENT



ACRES OF PARK LAND PER
1,000 RESIDENTS: **10.1**



**FULL-TIME
EQUIVALENT EMPLOYEES (FTES)
PER 10,000 RESIDENTS: 8.3**



RESIDENTS
PER PARK: **2,181**

**AGENCIES
OFFERING
SUMMER
CAMPS:**



82.4%



AGENCIES WITH
PLAYGROUNDS: **94.4%**



AGENCIES THAT BAN THE USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS AT PARKS AND FACILITIES: **73.7%**