

# Smoke-free Policies within a City: How to Get There



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# City of Bloomington Smoke-free Policies & Ordinances



- **1990 – Cigarette vending machines banned**
- **1992 – Smoke-free policy approved for Bloomington-owned buildings & vehicles**
- **1996 – Local ordinance passed to reduce tobacco sales to minors**
- **2001 – Smoke-free parks and recreation ordinance passed & smoke-free building entrance policy approved**
- **2004 – Smoke-free workplace ordinance passed**

# Administrative Study Group (2000 – 2006)



- **Purpose:**
  - **Identify smoking-related issues throughout all City-owned properties, including aquatics facilities and playgrounds, building entrances, and the new City campus.**
  - **Make recommendations to City Council.**
- **Resulted in two phases and two amendments to the City Code.**

# Administrative Study Group (2000 – 2006)



- **Outcome – Smoke-free parks and open spaces:**
  - **Park and recreation areas**
  - **Golf courses**
  - **Ice arena (exterior & interior)**
  - **City conservation areas and open spaces**
  - **City-sponsored cultural programs, such as Arts in the Park and Summer Fete**

# Council Study Meetings



- Reviewed status of tobacco-free parks & recreation policies adopted by other metro cities.
- Provided review feedback to Advisory Board of Health and Parks, Arts and Recreation Commission regarding options to expand tobacco-free areas.

# Be Aware of Your Environment and Potential Pitfalls



- Larger cities may own more park facilities.
- Some of these facilities may generate “controversy.”
  - Golf courses
  - Ice rinks (outdoor areas)
  - Rental property

# Key Issues



- **Ordinance vs. policy.**
- **Enforcement:**
  - **Complaint-based enforcement.**
  - **Signage important for self enforcement.**
  - **No one wants to be the “tobacco police.”**

# How to Work with City Government



- Like county boards – they vote!
- Educate your council members.
- Find your champions.
- Be respectful, yet persistent.

# How to Work with City Government



- **Work with key city staff:**
  - **City Manager**
  - **Park and Recreation Director**
  - **City Attorney**
- **Recruit youth as some of your best advocates.**

# Smoking Card



## SMOKING POLICY

Tobacco use is prohibited on City owned property including the outdoor areas of Dwan and Hyland Greens golf courses, except in privately owned vehicles parked in parking lots.

*City Ordinance 5-21*

# Signage



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**Tobacco use is  
prohibited on City-  
owned park property  
except in motor  
vehicles parked in  
parking lots**



For specific regulation refer to City Ordinance 5.21

**INFORMATION:** Contact Bloomington Parks and Recreation at 952-563-8877 (TTY 952-563-8740)