

Resolution 2015-07

In the matter of proclaiming all City properties tobacco smoke free environments

WHEREAS, tobacco is the leading preventable cause of premature deaths and disabilities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, tobacco related chronic disease costs Oregonians almost \$2.5 billion each year in medical expenses and lost productivity; and

WHEREAS, there is no safe amount of secondhand smoke according to the Surgeon General; and

WHEREAS, Hood River has an exceptional quality of life and a commitment to the young people of our community, and

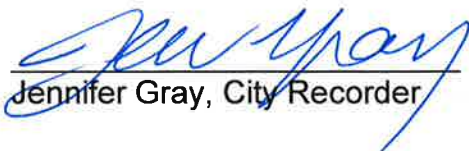
WHEREAS, smoking products, once consumed in public spaces, are often discarded on the ground requiring additional maintenance expenses, diminish the beauty of the recreational facilities, and pose a risk to toddlers, pets and wildlife due to ingestion;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the City of Hood River adopts a tobacco/smoke free policy on all City owned properties.

Approved by the Hood River City Council this 13th day of April, 2015.



Paul Blackburn, Mayor



Jennifer Gray, City Recorder



Tobacco Smoke free Policy for Facilities and Grounds of the City of Hood River

Purpose

Chronic diseases, such as heart disease, stroke, cancer, diabetes and arthritis, are among the most common, costly, and preventable of all health problems in the City of Hood River and the U.S. The U.S. Surgeon General has determined that exposure to secondhand smoke and the use of tobacco are significant health hazards. Tobacco use is the leading modifiable health risk factor responsible for much of the illness, suffering, early death related to chronic disease.

Death and disability resulting from tobacco use costs Hood River County lives and dollars. In 2012, the economic burden of tobacco use in Hood River County was \$6 million in medical costs and \$5.3 million in lost productivity.

Establishing tobacco smoke free facilities and grounds will protect the public and employees from exposure to secondhand smoke, help people to quit and stay quit, as well as promote healthy community norms.

Definitions for the purposes of this policy

Tobacco: Includes any smoking or smokeless product intended for human consumption that is comprised of or contains tobacco, nicotine or herbal ingredients, and nicotine-delivery devices, such as inhalant delivery systems, excluding FDA-approved nicotine replacement therapy products for the purpose of tobacco cessation.

City property: All interior spaces and vehicles and all outside property, including but not limited to parking areas, owned or controlled by the City of Hood River.

Scope: This policy applies to all City of Hood River employees, volunteers, clients, visitors, vendors and contractors on property owned or controlled by the City of Hood River.

Policy: Effective April 13, 2015, the use, distribution, sale or advertising of tobacco products is not permitted at any time in and on City property including:

- a) Within any interior spaces of facilities, b) on all outside properties or grounds, including parks, natural areas, parking areas; and c) in vehicles owned by the City of Hood River. If questions arise regarding the actual parameters of the prohibition for any City property, the chief administrative officer or designee shall provide a final determination.

Exceptions: This policy does not apply to the use of noncommercial tobacco for the ceremonial, cultural, religious or medicinal activities that are in accordance with the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, 42 U.S.C. section 1996. Exceptions for ceremonial, cultural, religious or medicinal tobacco use must be pre approved by the chief administrative officer or designee.

Communication of Policy: Any person who observes an employee violating the policy is encouraged to address the noncompliance with the employee in question. If difficulties arise with compliance, an employee shall notify security or a management-level staff member. Management and supervisory staff are responsible for the ongoing compliance with this policy within their respective work areas. In addition, management and supervisory staff are expected to adhere to standard practices in resolving any issues of noncompliance.

Cessation Assistance: The City of Hood River is committed to assisting employees, volunteers, clients, visitors, vendors and contractors in overcoming tobacco dependency. The City of Hood River employees have access to tobacco cessation benefits as part of their standard medical benefits. In addition, the City of Hood River will communicate the policy to all current and new employees and shall provide ongoing support and resources to employees as part of the policy implementation. Members of the public, City volunteers, interns and clients may be referred to Oregon's Tobacco Quit Line, 1.800.QUIT.NOW, which is a free tobacco cessation resource.