

***McHenry Township Ordinance
Tobacco-Free Policy***

Section 1: Rationale

WHEREAS, the Township believes that tobacco use in the proximity of children and adults engaging in or watching outdoor recreational activities at Township-owned or operated facilities is detrimental to their health and can be offensive to those using such Facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Township has a unique opportunity to create and sustain an environment that supports a non-tobacco norm through a tobacco-free policy, rule enforcement, and adult-peer role modeling on Township-owned outdoor recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Township believes 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 recreational events to foster a connection between tobacco use and recreation; and

WHEREAS, cigarettes, once consumed in public spaces, are often discarded on the ground requiring additional maintenance expenses, diminish the beauty of the Township's recreational facilities, and pose a risk to toddlers due to ingestion; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board determines that the prohibition of tobacco use at the Township's recreational facilities serves to protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of our Township.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that tobacco use is prohibited in outdoor recreational facilities. No person shall use any form of tobacco at or on any Township-owned or operated outdoor recreational facilities, including the restrooms, spectator and concession areas. These facilities include playgrounds, athletic fields, parks, and walking/hiking trails.

Section 2: Enforcement

1. Appropriate signs shall be posted in the above specified areas.
2. The community, especially facility users and staff, will be notified about this policy.
3. Staff and the Johnsburg Police pursuant to our Intergovernmental Agreement for enforcement of ordinances, will make periodic observations of recreational facilities to monitor for compliance.
4. Any person found violating this policy may be subject to immediate ejection from the Recreation facility for the remainder of the event.

Section 3: Effective Date

This policy statement is effective immediately upon the date of adoption,
Which is March 13, 2014.

Donna A. Schaefer, Supervisor

Date

3.13.14

Marsha Nelson, Clerk

Craig Adams, Trustee

Doug Carfile, Trustee

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