City of Junction City

City Commission

Agenda Memo

08-02-2018

From: Allen J. Dinkel, City Manager
To: Governing Body

Subject: Consider Resolution R-2850 to Ban Use of Tobacco Products and e-Cigarette Devices in Outdoor City Parks and Recreational Facilities

Objective: Consider request from Live Well Geary County.

Explanation of Issue: Live Well Geary County is encouraging banning the use of Tobacco Product and e-cigarette devices in Outdoor city parks and recreational facilities. At this time they are not including Heritage Park in the request.

At the last meeting it was decided to draft a resolution regarding smoking in all parks except Heritage Park.

Budget Impact: None

Staff Recommendation: Approve Resolution R-2850

Attachments: Resolution R-2850
RESOLUTION R-2850

A RESOLUTION PROMOTING A TOBACCO-FREE ENVIRONMENT AT OUTDOOR RECREATIONAL AREAS WITHIN THE CITY OF JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS.

Whereas, the City of Junction City is committed to promoting a high quality of life for all of its residents; and

Whereas, the City of Junction City has a unique opportunity to create and sustain an environment that prohibits tobacco use through a tobacco-free policy, rule enforcement and to promote a positive role model on City of Junction City owned outdoor recreational facilities; and

Whereas, tobacco use in the proximity of children, youth, and adults who may be participating in or watching outdoor recreational activities is unhealthy and is detrimental to the health of others; and

Whereas, parents, activity leaders, coaches, and officials are role models, and the use of tobacco products around youth has been proven to have a negative effect on youth lifestyle choices; and

Whereas, tobacco products consumed in public spaces are often discarded on the ground requiring additional maintenance expenses, diminishing the beauty of recreational facilities, and posing a risk of ingestion to toddlers, pets and wildlife, and contamination of water sources; and

Whereas, the City Commission believes that tobacco use is detrimental to the public’s health and has determined that prohibiting the use of tobacco products and electronic delivery devices in all City of Junction recreational areas serves to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of Junction City.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Junction City, Kansas:

Section 1 “Tobacco” is defined to include any product that contains tobacco, is derived from tobacco or contains nicotine (or lobelia), that is intended for human consumption, or is likely to be consumed, whether smoked, heated, chewed, absorbed, dissolved, or ingested by any other means.

The term “tobacco products” includes e-cigarettes and other electronic smoking devices.

Section 2 No person shall use any form of tobacco at or on any City of Junction City owned or operated outdoor recreational facilities, including playground,
restrooms, spectator and concession areas, hiking/biking trails, and City open spaces, except within designated areas and Heritage Park.

Section 3   Enforcement
1. Appropriate signs shall be posted at all City of Junction City owned and operated parks and recreational areas.
2. The community and facility users and staff will be notified about this policy through ongoing public education.
3. City staff will make periodic observations of recreational facilities to monitor compliance.
4. Any individual found violating this policy will be reminded of it and asked to comply.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the governing body of the City of Junction City, Kansas this 7th day of August, 2018.

CITY OF JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS

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Pat Landes
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Tammy Melton, City Clerk