

Town Smoke/Tobacco Free Ordinance

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TOWN OF GLASTONBURY ORDINANCE REGARDING TOBACCO-FREE AND SMOKE FREE RECREATION AREAS CHAPTER 14, ARTICLE IV

Be it Resolved by the Town Council that Chapter 14, Article IV, Section 14-54 to Section 14-59 of the Town Code is hereby adopted:

Sec. 14-54. Purpose; Legislative authority.

The purpose of this article is to promote the health, safety, and welfare of all persons using Town-owned or Town-operated recreation areas by prohibiting smoking and the use of any tobacco products at all Town-owned and Town-operated recreation areas.

This article is adopted in accordance with the provisions of § 7-148(c)(7)(H)(xvi) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

Sec. 14-55. Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

RECREATION AREAS – shall mean any outdoor area owned and operated by the Town and open to the general public and where the public generally assembles for recreational purposes, including, but not limited to, beaches, pools, picnic areas, playgrounds, gardens, athletic fields, athletic facilities, bleachers, dog parks, skate parks, fairgrounds, tennis courts, basketball courts, concession areas, pavilions, parking areas, greens, Addison Bog multi-use trail, and other such recreation areas and support facilities and structures.

Recreation areas shall not include open space properties and natural areas owned and operated by the Town where the public generally does not assemble for recreation activities.

SMOKING – shall mean the acts of inhaling, burning or carrying any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, or pipe, or any other lighted or heated tobacco product intended for inhalation, whether natural or synthetic, in any manner or in any form. For the purposes of this subsection, “Smoking” shall also include the use of an electronic smoking device which creates an aerosol or vapor, in any manner or in any form, and marijuana use for medicinal or any other purposes.

TOBACCO PRODUCTS – shall mean any product containing, made or derived from tobacco or nicotine that is intended for human consumption, whether smoked, heated, chewed, dissolved,

inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by other means, including, but not limited to, cigarettes, cigars, piped tobacco, chewing tobacco, and snuff. "Tobacco products" also includes any electronic device that delivers nicotine or other substances to the person inhaling from the device, including, but not limited to, an electronic cigarette, cigar or pipe.

Sec. 14-56. Prohibition against using tobacco products or smoking in recreation areas.

No person shall engage in the act of smoking or use any tobacco products in any Town-owned or Town-operated recreation area.

Sec. 14-57. Penalties for offenses.

Any person who violates any provision of this article shall be subject to a fine of fifty dollars (\$50.00) for each separate offense or violation.

Sec. 14-58. Posting of signs.

Every recreation area shall have at least one conspicuously displayed sign which indicates that smoking and the use of any tobacco products are prohibited and that any person who violates the Town's prohibition on smoking or using any tobacco products in a recreation area may be fined.

Sec. 14-59. Designation of smoking and tobacco use areas for certain events.

Upon the approval of the Town Manager or Town Manager's designee, certain spaces within recreation areas may be designated as temporary or permanent smoking and tobacco products use areas. This section shall also apply to recreation areas reserved for exclusive use or leased by the Town.