

Tobacco-Free Recreation Policy

Town of: Mexico

This is an order to promote the health and safety of residents by establishing all Recreation Program Property as Tobacco-Free Zones.

This town has set a goal to be a safe and healthy place to live and work. Where as:

- Tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of death, disability, and disease in Maine, and
- Secondhand smoke contains many harmful chemicals and cancer causing agents, and is a serious health risk to humans, especially infants, children, ad pregnant women, and increases a nonsmoker's risk of asthma, heart disease, and lung cancer; and
- Chewing tobacco contains many harmful chemicals and cancer-causing agents, and its use is associated with cancers of the mouth, gums, tongue, and throat; and
- Tobacco use in and around our recreational property sends contradictory messages to young people who are participating in activities beneficial to their health, while at the same time exposed to the use of tobacco products; and
- The purpose of our recreational programs is to provide quality recreation and leisure experiences that enhance the quality of life for our citizens, including providing a safe environment for these experiences; and
- Tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke are contrary to enhancing the quality of life and providing safe environments;

Now therefore be it resolved that this town does hereby declare that its recreational properties are tobacco-free zones and specifically restricts the use of any tobacco product on, in, or around any athletic facility, playground, or assembly operated by this recreation program.

Date: Jan 1, 2010

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## SMOKING POLICY

EFFECTIVE THIS DATE 02-14-95 , ACCORDING TO STATE LAW AND POLICY SET BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AT THEIR REGULAR MEETING ON 02-13-95 , THERE WILL BE NO SMOKING ANYWHERE WITHIN ANY OF THE TOWN BUILDINGS.  
ANY VIOLATIONS OF THIS POLICY , WILL RESULT IN DISCIPLINARY ACTION.

JOSEPH DEROUICHE  
TOWN MANAGER