

Resolution

Board of

Ramsey County Commissioners

Presented By: Commissioner Bennett Date: May 6, 2008 No. 2008-178

Attention: Budgeting and Accounting
Greg Mack, Parks and Recreation
Department Heads / Senior Management Team

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WHEREAS, Tobacco-Free Youth Recreation (TFYR) is a recreation-based tobacco prevention program that promotes healthy tobacco-free lifestyles; and

WHEREAS, TFYR has mobilized youth to advocate for tobacco-free recreation areas and has encouraged over 100 communities in Minnesota to adopt tobacco-free park policies and/or ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Cigarettes, cigars and other forms of tobacco once consumed in public spaces are often discarded on the ground resulting in litter, increased upkeep costs, diminished aesthetics, increased fire risk, risk of ingestion by toddlers; and

WHEREAS, The cities of Saint Paul, Maplewood, North Saint Paul, Roseville, Shoreview, New Brighton, Arden Hills and Mounds View have adopted tobacco-free park policies; and

WHEREAS, Tobacco-free environments promote positive community role modeling and protect the health, safety and welfare of community members; and

WHEREAS, Tobacco-free policies establish the community norm that tobacco use is not acceptable behavior for young people or adults; and

WHEREAS, The highest concentration of children in the County's Park and Recreation System is at beaches, playgrounds, ice arenas, Tamarack Nature Center, and Battle Creek Waterworks; and

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	YEA	NAY	OTHER
Tony Bennett	X		
Toni Carter	X		
Jim McDonough			Absent
Rafael Ortega	X		
Victoria Reinhardt	X		
Janice Rettman		X	
Jan Parker	X		

Jan Parker, Chair

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WHEREAS, On April 8, 2008, the Ramsey County Parks and Recreation Commission recommended adoption of a Tobacco-Free Zones Policy that prohibits the use of all tobacco products within 50 feet of County beaches, playgrounds, ice arenas, Tamarack Nature Center, and Battle Creek Waterworks; Now, Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners adopts a Tobacco-Free Zones Policy that prohibits the use of all tobacco products within 50 feet of County beaches, playgrounds, ice arenas, Tamarack Nature Center and Battle Creek Waterworks; and Be It Further


RESOLVED, The Tobacco-Free Zones Policy compliance will be encouraged through signage, informational messages and education.

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