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POLICY 2017-03

Tobacco-Free Parks and Open Spaces Policy

Whereas tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of death and disease in the United States, as well as in the State of Maine; and

Whereas secondhand smoke contains many harmful chemicals and cancer causing agents, and is a serious health risk to humans, especially infants, children, and pregnant women; and increases a nonsmoker's risk of asthma, heart disease, and lung cancer, and other diseases; and

Whereas 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

Whereas tobacco use in and around the town parks 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

Whereas the purpose of the City's parks and open spaces are to provide quality recreation and leisure experiences that enhance the quality of life for citizens of Hallowell, including providing a safe environment for these experiences; and

Whereas 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 the Hallowell city owned parks and open spaces are declared tobacco-free 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and restricts the use of any tobacco product, including but not limited to cigarettes, cigars, electronic smoking devices, and chewing tobacco, on, in, or at any athletic facility, playground, or park. Tobacco-free signage will be posted in appropriate areas.

Approved by City Council: November 13, 2017

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