

OWATONNA PARK AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT POLICY STATEMENT

SUBJECT: Use of tobacco Products at Owatonna Park and Recreation Department and Owatonna Youth Athletic Association Youth events using Owatonna Park and Recreation Department outdoor facilities.

Background: The Owatonna Park and Recreation Department believes that tobacco use in the proximity of children and adults engaging or watching youth sports at City of Owatonna owned or operated facilities is detrimental to their health and can be offensive to those using such facilities. Furthermore the Owatonna Park and Recreation Department believes parents, leaders, coaches, and officials are role models for youth and can have a positive effect on the lifestyle choices they make.

Also cigarettes once consumed in public spaces are often discarded on the ground thus posing a risk to toddlers due to ingestion.

Section 1: Tobacco use prohibited at outdoor youth recreation facilities owned by the City of Owatonna to include Warsinski Outdoor skating facility, soccer fields, football fields, baseball/softball fields, Lake Kohlmier beach, and playgrounds. Tobacco products shall also be prohibited at the spectator areas, restrooms, and concession areas of these facilities. Appropriate signage will be posted in all these areas by the Owatonna Park and Recreation Department.

Section 2: Effective Date

This policy statement is effective immediately upon the date of adoption.

Effective Date December 11, 2001