

RESOLUTIONS OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA

RESOLUTION NO. 20147

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TOBACCO-FREE POLICY FOR DEVELOPED PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

WHEREAS, tobacco-free environments provide an opportunity to role model non-smoking behavior in our community, especially to children and youth; and

WHEREAS, following use, tobacco products are often discarded on the ground, posing a risk of ingestion to young children and animals, and causing significant litter problems requiring additional maintenance expense; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission and the City-County Parks Board believe that city parks are established to promote healthy activities and community wellness; and

WHEREAS, community surveys and assessment results indicate strong community support for tobacco-free playgrounds, parks, and other outdoor recreation facilities; and

WHEREAS, the management of most City, County and Helena School District facilities and properties include tobacco-free policies; and

WHEREAS, the City-County Parks Board voted unanimously on September 3, 2014, in favor of a recommendation to the Helena City Commission to continue the tobacco-free policy at

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Centennial Park and expand the policy to include all developed city parks and recreation facilities in Helena; and

WHEREAS, the City-County Board of Health supports the recommendation by the City-County Parks Board to the City of Helena to continue the tobacco-free policy at Centennial Park and extend the policy to the other developed city parks and recreational facilities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA:

SECTION 1. All City of Helena parks and recreational facilities that are not designated "natural parks" are tobacco-free. No person may use any form of tobacco at these parks and facilities, including, but not limited to, any permanent or portable toilets, spectator and concession areas, parking lots, playgrounds, warming houses, or trails.

SECTION 2. The City of Helena's Bill Roberts Golf Course is not included as a recreation facility and is specifically exempted from this resolution.

SECTION 3. The City of Helena Parks and Recreation Department will utilize community and state resources to

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undertake community awareness and education efforts regarding the tobacco-free policy in City parks and recreation facilities. Such efforts may include, but are not limited to, installation of signs and postings in appropriate areas in the parks and parking lots, and notification of the community at large, especially park user groups and neighboring businesses and organizations, about the existence of the tobacco-free policy.

SECTION 4. City staff will make periodic observations of parks and recreation facilities to monitor for compliance of this policy.

PASSED AND EFFECTIVE BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HELENA, MONTANA, THIS 23rd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2015.

/S/ James E. Smith
MAYOR

ATTEST:

/S/ Debbie Havens
CLERK OF THE COMMISSION